

## EDITORIAL

## New year, new improvements

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Welcome to the first 2010 issue of *Hypertension Research*. Last year *Hypertension Research* underwent many impressive developments, both inside and outside the journal. In January, the journal published the Japanese Society of Hypertension Guidelines for the Management of Hypertension (JSH 2009); new Commentary articles were introduced in August; and advanced online publication (AOP) of articles on nature.com also commenced. These developments, I am sure, must have made the journal look very different. I am very grateful to all those who helped us implement them, as always, the active support of authors, reviewers and readers is indispensable.

*Hypertension Research* continues to move forward in 2010 with more exciting changes. The first is the introduction of Review Series—small collections of review articles on specific topics of recent interest. Three Review Series are scheduled for 2010: ‘(Pro)Renin Receptors’, which appears in this issue; ‘Diurnal Variation in Blood Pressure: Clinical Implication and Pathogenesis’; and ‘Salt Intake and Inflammation in Hypertension’. We hope you enjoy reading these review articles throughout the year.

Although *Hypertension Research* will continue to make changes, the journal maintains the same high-quality editorial and publishing practices. Our primary goal is to improve the journal and make it more attractive to readers and authors. Through these developments, we sincerely hope that *Hypertension Research* can better serve readers as an important source of information and an exciting forum for scientific communication.

We wish you all a very happy and prosperous new year.

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