Editors’ Note

Commentaries—Another Addition to the Portfolio of Circulation Research

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The ever-increasing number of publications poses a formidable challenge for many investigators: how can one keep up with the advances in science? Inherent in the accelerating pace of discoveries and in the expanding number of platforms for their dissemination is the danger that major scientific leaps may be overlooked or not placed in proper perspective by some segments of the community of scholars. The issue here is not just to be aware of new publications, but also to be able to form a critical opinion regarding their limitations, context, significance, and impact. It is practically impossible to read all new important articles that appear every week, let alone assess their significance.

Recognizing this conundrum, the editors of *Circulation Research* work hard to provide to the readers not only the best possible selection of original articles, but also a broad vista of the most significant advances in cardiovascular biology, regardless of where they are published. It is this philosophy that has motivated us to expand the number of review articles and to introduce new features such as *News and Views*, *Profiles in Cardiovascular Science*, *Translational Success Stories*, *Emerging Science*, and *Controversies in Cardiovascular Research*. We also commission *Editorials*, written by leading experts, to highlight work published in our journal that we feel is particularly noteworthy and merits further discussion.

Yet, we realize that we only publish a fraction of the many outstanding manuscripts that appear in the literature. To highlight some of the most important discoveries that are published elsewhere, the Editors have decided to launch a new article category, *Commentaries*. To this end, the Editors will select articles published in other journals (not necessarily restricted to cardiovascular sciences) that are of particular significance to the cardiovascular scientist and will invite world-class authorities to comment briefly on them. This section will be edited by Aruni Bhatnagar and Ali J. Marian.

Each *Commentary* will be a short, one-page article (maximum of 750 words) in which the authors will describe succinctly their interpretation of the data and their opinion regarding the soundness, impact, significance, and implications of the findings reported in the covered articles. Authors will be encouraged to present their personal interpretation of the data and to address the novelty of the discoveries, the strengths/weaknesses of the methodology, the significance for the broader community of cardiovascular scientists, the potential clinical or translational implications, and directions/areas that need to be addressed in future studies. *Commentaries* will differ from *Editorials* in that the latter are restricted to articles published in *Circulation Research*. *Commentaries* also differ from *News and Views* in that the latter are prepared by a professional writer and seek to provide a broad overview of the study and some comments from experts in the field rather than an in-depth cardiovascular perspective of the study written by a scientist working in that field.

We are pleased to inaugurate this new feature in the current issue with the *Commentary* by Alan Tall, titled “Sorting Out Sortilin.” We welcome suggestions from the Editorial Board members and the readers for articles for possible future *Commentaries*.

We hope that *Commentaries* will not only augment the scientific breadth of the journal but also help our readers keep abreast of major discoveries and of their significance to their own work. Our goal is to offer you a less parochial and more global perspective on cardiovascular science. As always, your comments and suggestions will be greatly appreciated.

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