



## Editorial

# Editors' page

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In line of the mission of the Journal to advance science, practice and global medicine, and to meet the needs of our readers, this issue of the Journal introduces several new features, including three articles on developmental biology. This might seem disproportionate, however this policy stems from the fact that this branch of science has continued to move steadily towards the centre stage of cardiovascular medicine [1] and is poised to change the way we think of and manage both congenital [2,3] and acquired [4] heart disease with the greatest influence being in the fields of regeneration and tissue engineering [5].

Another area given pride of place in this issue is the use of statistics, stressing its essential roles, its origins and increasing sophistication coupled with the need of making it simple, comprehensive and user friendly.

This year marks the 40th anniversary of Médecins Sans Frontières, a source of inspiration to all those interested in humanitarian medicine. Accordingly, an increasing number of articles related to global medicine will be included in future issues. This topic is gently introduced in this issue by a short account of a recent training mission to Uganda, by members of the Chain of Hope UK. This illustrates some of the strategies required to address the gross inequalities in health care delivery and research [6].

Finally, a new feature entitled *Images in Cardiology* is added. This is intended to illustrate a particular problem with lessons learned. The Journal invites submissions in this potentially valuable section.

The editorial team would like to reiterate their commitment to serve the readership in the best possible way, and welcome suggestions for improving the Journal.

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