



Functional Morphology of the Developing and Mature Cardiovascular System

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Message from the Guest Editor

Journal of Cardiovascular Development and Disease (JCDD) launches a Special Issue on functional morphology of the developing and mature cardiovascular system. During the past two decades, remarkable advances were made in our understanding of the genetic, molecular and cellular backgrounds of normal and defective cardiovascular functions during prenatal and postnatal life. Such knowledge has, for example, led to a replacement of some of the traditional, morphology-based classifications of human diseases by molecular-based classifications. Due to the remarkable achievements of “molecular medicine”, morphology-based sciences may appear as old-fashioned disciplines, which nowadays may have only a very limited potential to provide new and clinically important insight into cardiovascular functions.

