

Regulations for the Journal of Echocardiography Best Paper Award

1. The Japan Society of Echocardiography shall select one Best Paper from among the papers published in the *Journal of Echocardiography* during the one-year period from January to December, and present this award at the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Society.
2. An honorarium of JPY 200,000 shall be awarded.
3. Each member of the Editorial Board shall nominate two papers (Original Investigations) published during the year as candidates for the award (First Screening). The nominated papers shall then be evaluated using a scoring system, and the paper with the highest average score shall be selected as the Best Paper (Second Screening). The scoring criteria shall be determined by the Editor-in-Chief and the Editorial Board.
4. The first author shall be the award recipient.
5. The first author or corresponding author of the selected Best Paper shall attend the Annual Scientific Meeting of the Japan Society of Echocardiography to receive the award and, as necessary, deliver a presentation.
6. In principle, the Best Paper Award shall be granted to the same individual only once.

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