

## The Significance of the J-Curve in Hypertension and Coronary Artery Diseases

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On July 31, 2011, Korean Circulation Journal (KCJ) published a review article by Park et al.<sup>1)</sup> regarding the J-curve in hypertension and coronary artery diseases. However, a possibility of plagiarism has been raised in this article.

The Editorial Board of KCJ has examined the review article and has requested the Committee for Publication Ethics of Korean Association of Medical Journal Editors (KAMJE) to provide an adequate conclusion. After thorough investigation, the Committee for Publication Ethics of KAMJE and the Editorial Board of KCJ have concluded that the article is seriously plagiarizing from an article by Messeri et al.<sup>2)</sup>

In this regard, on May 8, 2012, the Executive Committee of the Korean Society of Cardiology has finally decided to retract the article completely. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

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