

PREFACE TO REISSUED *Medicine and Biology*

A scientific journal, *Medicine and Biology*, was originally started in 1942 by Professor Tomio Ogata (1901-1989), a famed serologist and immunologist, then at Imperial University of Tokyo School of Medicine. The magazine continued to be published for 71 years, throughout World War II and the postwar period, and even after his death in 1989, until 2013 when the editorial board was coerced to break up due to the liquidation of *Ogata Institute for Medical and Chemical Research*. The Ogata Institute, established by Prof. Ogata in 1948, had been a main financial supporter of the journal. The journal was intended to be a vehicle of reports that needed rapid publication. This idea of short communication was rather new in those days. The journal was also quite open, accepting quite broad ranges of medical and biological fields of basic research as well as practical applications. The articles in the journal were compiled in CAS, a division of American Chemical Society for years. The last issue was Vol. 157 (No6, July 2013).

Professor Tsuneo Okuyama (1928-2015), the founder of our Supporting Association of Biotechnology Standardization (SABS), had been involved in Ogata Institute for years, and became interested in restarting the journal after its suspension in 2013. His original idea was to reissue the journal as an internet magazine so that its publication can become so much quicker and the cost of printing and mailing can become almost null. In SABS, being a non-profit organization (NPO), most of the members are chemists, biochemists, biologists and other related fields retired from academic institutions, industries, and government organizations. This means that the cost of editing can be minimal, as the members being volunteers. Most of all, an internet journal has a great advantage in rapid searching and filing, and much lower cost of subscription as well. After Prof Okuyama's sudden death in August, 2015, we decided to continue his effort, and have since been working hard to materialize his wish to this day. It is our great pleasure to be able to publish a starting issue finally here.

The success and continuation of this restarted journal all depends on contributors and readers of the journal. We would like you to send your papers to us, which can be either original research communications, reviews, essays or others, related to biology, chemistry and medical sciences. We are also quite welcome to have your suggestions and criticisms on this 'new' journal.

Thank you so much in advance.

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