

September 4, 2026

To our Members, Authors, Reviewers, Editors, and Friends of TSCIR:

I write with gratitude, and with a measure of sadness, to share a decision of the Board of Directors: TSCIR will conclude publication with the completion of this calendar year. After a long and distinguished run as an internally managed scientific journal of ASIA, we will not continue publishing it.

This decision is not a judgment on the quality of the work that has appeared in these pages. Quite the opposite. For many years the journal has given our community a home for careful science, clinical observation, and interdisciplinary conversation. Editors, associate editors, reviewers, and authors have given ASIA an extraordinary gift of time and rigor. We see, value, and warmly acknowledge that service.

Why we are stepping back: Two practical realities now outweigh the reasons to keep an internally managed journal alive.

First, the logistics and finances far exceed the Society's current capacity. Producing a peer-reviewed journal in-house—editorial operations, production, hosting, indexing support, and the uncounted hours of volunteer and staff time—has become a disproportionate claim on ASIA's resources. Those same resources are needed to achieve ASIA's Strategic Goals, i.e., supporting education and outreach, standards, committee commitments, the annual scientific meeting, and membership services that remain central to our mission. The trajectory for the next few years disfavors resolution of these challenges - both financial and staffing.

Second, the publishing landscape is undergoing a fundamental transformation. Authors can now submit openly across a wide range of established journals. There is no longer a distinctive access problem that only our own title can solve. High-quality work from our field is welcome in many venues; members are not dependent on an ASIA-owned journal to be heard. Continuing a title primarily because it has always existed is not a sufficient reason to ask the membership to underwrite it.

What happens next: New submissions will close on September 4, 2026. Manuscripts already in review or revision will be brought to a fair conclusion. Papers accepted for the remaining issue(s) will appear as planned. The electronic archive will remain accessible, so that previously published work stays findable and citable. We will share practical details—login access, DOI persistence, and transfer options for any manuscript that cannot be completed before closure—directly with affected authors and the editorial office.

We encourage colleagues to continue placing their work in the strong journals that already serve the field. ASIA will keep highlighting high-quality science through our meeting, educational programs, and communications. Our commitment is to the field, not to a particular imprint.

A word of thanks: To every editor who shepherded an issue, every reviewer who said yes on a busy week, every author who trusted us with a manuscript, and every reader who used the journal in clinic or laboratory: Thank you. You built something durable. Closing the journal does not diminish that record. It simply recognizes that the most responsible stewardship of ASIA now lies elsewhere.

If you have questions about submissions, access to the archive, or how this decision affects a paper in process, please write to the Executive Director of ASA, who will answer promptly and personally.

With respect and appreciation,



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