

# A foreword from the Editor-in-Chief

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of *Vessel Plus*. This recently launched journal from OAE Publishing Inc., is an international, peer-reviewed, open access journal dedicated to publishing articles focused on vascular physiology, biology and disease.

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the microcirculation.

In this issue, readers will find a diverse group of manuscripts. Sobenin *et al.*<sup>[1]</sup> have provided new insight into the nature of low density lipoprotein modifications in diabetic compared to non-diabetic patients. Schiavone *et al.*<sup>[2]</sup> have compared the mechanical performance of metallic compared to bioresorbable polymeric stents during the process of crimping and deployment using finite element modelling. Additionally, Dong *et al.*<sup>[3]</sup> have reviewed the potential therapeutic role of a mimetic peptide of the ubiquitin-interacting motif of epsin, through regulation of VEGFR2 signaling, in brain tumors.

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well as reviews and editorials by luminaries in the field. We look forward to helping advance the field of vascular research by providing a premier medium for publication.

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