The 15th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Gastroenterological Association

The 15th Annual Meeting of the Japanese Gastroenterological Association (JGA) was organized by Prof. Kazuma Fujimoto, Department of Gastroenterology, Saga University, and was held in Saga on February 1–3, 2019. During this conference, special lectures, educational lectures, core symposia, workshops, and one international session (IGICS) were held among general presentations.

Articles published in the present *Digestion* JGA Special Issue 2020 represent the best presentations from the 15th Annual Meeting. The session chairpersons and editorial board members recommended numerous papers from their sections; subsequently, the editorial committee of the JGA selected distinguished presentations from these recommendations and invited the authors to submit their papers for this special issue. All manuscripts

were independently reviewed by 2 members of the JGA editorial committee.

We believe this issue will provide useful information to clinicians and investigators. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to all the authors, chairpersons, and editorial board members for their contributions to this special issue.

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