Editor's note

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This is a landmark issue for the *Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery* and the American Association for Thoracic Surgery. From what we can decipher from the previous 80 years of the existence of the *Journal*, this is the first time that a compendium of a majority of the original papers presented at the annual meeting of the AATS have been published in a single *Journal* issue.

Despite our best intentions, not every paper presented at the annual meeting is published in this issue for a variety of peer review and production reasons. Nevertheless, nearly half of the papers from the main program of the 94th Annual Meeting of the AATS are printed in this issue.

I believe this is an important contribution to the literature, and one made possible not only by the author contributions

but also the outstanding work of the Associate Editors and Editorial Board of the *JTCVS*. For the first time, a large bolus of the proceedings, including presentation discussions of the annual meeting, are published under 1 cover only 5 months after the meeting presentations. It is my hope that the process will become more refined and this timely collection of meeting presentations will continue.

I hope you enjoy this edition and once again sincere thanks to the entire Editorial Board of the *JTCVS*, Managing Editor Ryan Walther, the support staff at Elsevier, and all of the authors for their hard work in allowing us to bring this publication of the AATS meeting papers to fruition in a meaningful and timely way. It may be the first time in the history of the *JTCVS* and the AATS, but not the last.

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