

# Preface to the Japanese Edition

When *Fundamentals of Writing for the Biomedical Sciences* was first published in 1991, the audience we had in mind were English-speaking students and professionals. However it soon became apparent that the text was proving useful worldwide to physicians and scientists to whom English was a second language.

We believe the strongest features contributing to its success are timely and interesting examples from various biomedical fields ; concise, practical suggestions ; practice exercises with answer keys for independent study ; and topics not usually seen in scientific guides, namely grammar, punctuation, writing style, organization, and revision.

We are particularly pleased that this text is being published in Japan. We would like to thank Dr. Harumi Shishido whose interest in our book made this edition possible. We are grateful for his enthusiasm, dedication, and skills. Our wish is that *Fundamentals of Writing for the Biomedical Sciences* will be a valuable resource for Japanese professionals in medicine and the health sciences.

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