

Preface

When I started to write this book "The HDL Handbook: Biological Functions and Clinical Applications", Professor Takashi Miida of Juntendo University in Tokyo strongly supported my plan. Of course, he is also an excellent contributor to this book. In addition, Professor David Alpers, Professor Emeritus of Washington University, School of Medicine, well revised the present HDL book. Therefore, I want to thank him for his revision of this book. Unfortunately, since planning to publish this HDL book, two and half years have passed. Some contributors immediately accepted my planning, however, half of the contributors have not been able to complete the publication of "The HDL Handbook: Biological Functions and Clinical Applications".

However, the contents of this HDL book include up-to-date progress on HDL research. The contents of this book are a crystallization of the work from all the contributors, because, despite being busy, all the contributors carefully revised their chapters under the suitable comments from eight reviewers. Therefore, if you read this book, you will be fascinated by the renewal of development of HDL researches and the present book is a very useful tool not only for basic researchers in institutes or pharmaceutical companies but also practical physicians. In addition, this book will be evaluated as an HDL Bible for medical and co-medical graduate students by their counselors.

Furthermore, since this book is small, it is portable. However, the contents of this HDL book contain the latest news of HDL molecules.

Finally, I believe that this book should be read to give an excellent impression of the HDL fields.

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