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The *Methodist DeBakey Cardiovascular Journal* editors extend their most sincere thanks to Dipan J. Shah, M.D., for serving as guest editor of this special issue on cardiac magnetic resonance imaging. Dr. Shah is currently the medical director of the Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance (CMR) laboratory at Houston Methodist Hospital's Houston Methodist DeBakey Heart & Vascular Center in Houston, Texas.

He began his academic career in 2002 as an associate in medicine at the Duke Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance Center in Durham, North Carolina. The following year, he joined the St. Thomas Heart Institute in Nashville, Tennessee, where he developed and directed one of the largest CMR programs in the country. An assistant member of Houston Methodist Hospital Research Institute, Dr. Shah is interested in research involving the role of cardiac MRI in evaluating and managing heart failure and valvular heart disease and the use of MRI stress testing for the noninvasive detection of ischemic heart disease.

After graduating cum laude from the University of Wisconsin, Dr. Shah earned his medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin, where he also completed his internal medicine residency. He went on to complete a general cardiology fellowship at Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago, Illinois, and pursued additional specialty training in cardiac imaging through an advanced echocardiography fellowship at Northwestern University and another advanced fellowship in CMR at Duke University.

Dr. Shah has authored 75 original articles and book chapters, and given more than 100 presentations at national and international cardiology and radiology scientific meetings. He is a fellow of the American College of Cardiology and a frequent invited speaker at the scientific sessions of both the American College of Cardiology and the Society of Cardiovascular Magnetic Resonance.