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On behalf of the editors of *GSJ*, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Last year was an amazing year of growth for *GSJ* and we hope to carry this momentum into 2019. We had a record number of citations, downloads, and submissions in 2018. It is a long journey for a journal to grow, mature, and gain recognition—the Editors-in-Chief, Deputy Editors, our Managing Editor, SAGE Publications, and AOSpine have been working hard to help *GSJ* grow and to provide you all with the highest quality international platform for the presentation of significant research. As I attend research meetings and view presentations from all over the world, I am consistently impressed by the increasing citations of key articles from *GSJ*. I am seeing cutting edge presentations on the most unique and contemporary topics, and it is a great sense of satisfaction and pride to see more and more citations from the journal. In reading the latest publications, I am also seeing more and more references to articles from *GSJ*.

GSJ is unique because of our global mission—we are constantly striving to bring the best research from around the globe into the awareness of spine practitioners on an international level. Our readership is uniquely international, and I believe has a global impact. The world is a smaller place with the ability to communicate and disseminate information at a rapid rate. I am excited to see the journal evolve, mature, and become a critical part of the readings for spine practitioners.

We still provide print copies and we want to be inclusive to those of you that prefer print, but as part of our go-green campaign we will only send them to those members who wish to include them. AOSpine members can opt-in to receive a paper copy of the journal on their AOSpine profiles.

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We also would like to thank all of our reviewers, authors, and readers. It is your support for the journal that keeps us going and allows us to continue to evolve. We are looking forward to another great year for *GSJ* and providing you with more interesting content, including more special issues.

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