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On behalf of the *Global Spine Journal (GSJ)* Editorial Board, I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year. Last year was yet another year of tremendous growth for the journal. As Editor-in-Chief, it is such a pleasure to see the journal growing from year-to-year. Thinking back to where the journal started, with only 4 issues and having to reach out to people to fill up the issues, we now publish 8 issues, and we have more submissions coming in with each month. Last year was again a successful year of growth for *GSJ* with a record number of submissions, citations, and downloads. This is thanks to all of the hard work that goes into the journal from all of the Editors-in-Chief, Deputy Editors, the Managing Editor, AO Spine, and SAGE Publications. It is this excellent partnership between the journal, the society, and the publisher working together in symbiosis that leads to a strong and successful journal.

We hope that this year is yet another year of tremendous growth and change for *GSJ*. While we have come a long way, we still have a long way to go, and there is always room for improvement. The *GSJ* team is working hard to make sure we continue to deliver a quality international journal to spine surgeons, practitioners, and researchers from around the world. Please look out for our annual *GSJ* survey, which will be

deployed this month. This survey is your chance to let us know what works and how *GSJ* can improve. Your comments and insights are so beneficial in helping the journal continue to evolve and mature.

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 the *GSJ* in presentations. As Editor-in-Chief there is no greater pride than seeing the journal getting recognition.

This year we will have more special issues on interesting topics as well as more cutting-edge systematic reviews from our ESBJ Special Section. We cannot wait to show you all what we have in store for 2020, and make sure to stay updated with all of the most recent *GSJ* news on social media.

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