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It is with extreme pleasure and excitement that we officially announce *Global Spine Journal's* acceptance to the Clarivate Analytics Journal Citations Report (JCR) Science Edition. This acceptance means that *Global Spine Journal (GSJ)* will receive an Impact Factor. *GSJ* will be indexed in the 2019 lists, which will be officially released this June. Besides being indexed in JCR, Clarivate has also indexed *GSJ* in Science Citation Index Expanded (also known as Sci Search) and Current Contents/Clinical Medicine.

This amazing milestone comes only after countless hours of work and support from the entire editorial board, the AO Spine membership, and the leadership of AO Spine and the AO Foundation. As the Editors-in-Chief of *GSJ*, we want to thank and acknowledge the encouragement of all the individuals who helped create and cultivate the initial concept of the journal, and all those along the way who have helped to advance *GSJ* to be a leading platform for AO Spine.

We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and we would like to thank our deputy editors, managing editor, publisher, authors, readers, reviewers, and everyone at AO Spine and the AO Foundation for helping make *GSJ* a leading journal in the field of spine surgery.

We are also pleased to announce the release of our newest special issue, "Quality Improvement and Spine Surgery" led by Dr James Harrop and sponsored by AO Spine North America. This issue focuses on the improvement of quality health care for spine patients, improvements in quality for patient benefits, including the focus of value for health care expenditures. The hope is that this focus issue will provide a baseline of evidence-based literature to help direct patient care and this will lead to further changes and discussions. You can access the entire issue on our website.

We are so pleased with the incredible growth of *GSJ* throughout the past few years and achieving our goal of receiving an Impact Factor. We can't wait to enter into this new phase for the journal.

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