Editorial

A New Beginning

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As the field of spine surgery is constantly changing, research and education are critical to ensure proper treatments for our patients and allow us to communicate information in a valid and scientific format. In spine surgery, we have a wide array of journals available to us, but most of these journals are focused on particular regions of the world, within certain countries, and may have a true subscriber base within a specific geographical area. In addition, since these are published in the English language, most of the research appears to be generated primarily within areas that utilize the language.

The *Global Spine Journal* is intended to be a true international spine journal and platform for the exchange of ideas, experiences, new findings and developments in the treatment and outcomes of spinal care. We invite and encourage submissions from all regions, as there are tremendous ideas and research work being done from all reaches of the globe. We hope to utilize this journal as a true platform for the exchange of international research and clinical experiences.

Thanks are due to many people who have helped in starting up this new journal. I am particularly grateful to AOSpine for their continued support, as well as the worthy reviewers and the members of editorial board who provide support, advice, and continue to represent the journal in their geographical areas. I am sure that their international reputation and great expertise in the field will have a significant contribution toward optimizing the journal and making the *Global Spine Journal* a prestigious first-class international journal.

It is my sincere hope that the *Global Spine Journal* will serve the scientific community and will be the main vehicle of presenting ideas and research work in the spine arena. Improvements in communication have arguably had the most significant effect on the development of ideas and research within the field of spinal surgery. I hope that you will find the *Global Spine Journal* a significant vehicle to communicate your ideas.

Thank you for your interest and support.

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