Spinal balance: the toll of bipedalism or the “French Connection”

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When the French spine surgeon Roy-Camille put pedicle screw fixation in the spotlight in the 1970s [1], a new era began for the treatment of common spine conditions. More recently, Le Huec and others [2, 3] drew our attention to spinal balance. It has spread like wildfire.

Everyone talks of it, refers to it, claims to understand and use it. Meetings and courses are devoted to it. And of course, it is reflected in the submissions to this journal.

Although many papers are still in the review process, we present a sample in this issue.

Perhaps we are the victims of a “French Connection”! Only time will tell what impact spine balance analysis will have on our understanding and treatment of common spinal conditions.

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