Editorial

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As scientists and clinicians, we are regularly faced with the need to make presentations on one or another subject. Whereas some will just speak ‘from the pulpit’, most of us prefer the support of a PowerPoint presentation. Whether this is for a small local public or for a large international audience, the need to be accurate remains the same and any quotes should be referenced.

As Editors of the European Spine Journal and with the support of Springer, our publisher, we make a concerted effort to improve the service offered to both authors and readers. Over the last few months, authors submitting an article to the European Spine Journal have been requested

to submit a series of slides stating the core messages of their paper. These slides are reproduced in the paper version of the journal, and this issue contains several of these publications. These slides can also be found online as ‘Electronic supplementary material’ where they can be downloaded for use in PowerPoint presentations. Clinicians and scientists wanting to refer to such a paper during a podium presentation are thus able to access these slides, facilitating preparation and ensuring a correct quote.

Readers are welcome to contact us with comments regarding this initiative, which we also intend to evaluate in about a year.

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