From the Editor-in-Chief

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Dear Colleagues,

This issue marks the completion of the second volume of 2021! Indeed, we enter in to the last four months of the year, which flew faster than anticipated by most or all of us. Let us sincerely hope that the Fall will be ‘normal’ or ‘as normal as possible’ after a devastating pandemic.

In this issue, I would like to take the opportunity to address an important topic; it relates to submitted paper references. After receiving several emails from authors, and after having discussions with many other colleagues involved with several journals, it strongly appears that we face a common challenge that needs to be addressed and resolved. As such, effective immediately, we will enforce in JINT the following policy: ***Any submitted paper must include only relevant references to the presented research.*** In addition, ***if/when reviewers suggest adding other references, such references must also be related to the specific research.*** Furthermore, we strongly recommend that references appear in the order they are mentioned in the submitted paper. This facilitates reviews and makes it easier for the reviewer to evaluate the submitted paper.

I realize that I state the obvious; perhaps this should not even be the case; however, several ‘incidents’ dictate that it is

time to avoid confusion and misunderstandings among authors and reviewers, and consequently handling editors and the editor-in-chief. After all, we all have a common goal: make JINT the best of its kind.

We thank you for your support, we welcome your feedback and ideas. Reach out to us, we are here to help.

In the meantime, enjoy the issue.

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