Editorial 10#1

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The journal begins its 10th year and continues to grow with submissions increasing and issues growing in number of articles and pages.

As we lost three Deputy Editors in the past few years, we are adding five new Deputy Editors to help with the increase in manuscript load. I welcome the following new Deputy Editors: Leah Carreon, Jason Cheung, Robert Dunn, John France, and Justin Smith.

To speed up the submission process, submissions will only be sent back to the authors for compliance with the “Submission guidelines” as regards the manuscript layout and cover pages. Other edits will be requested after the first round of reviews which will be based on the scientific merits of the manuscript. Hopefully, this will speed up the review process.

The impact factor of the journal is increasing, but has not reached the critical level. The impact factor is based on the citation of the journal articles which obviously is based on the quality of the articles. I have noted that high impact articles have been submitted by SRS members to other high impact journal to increase the article readership and I understand their desire to do this. I would like them to consider submitting to our journal to help it grow and prosper.

Thank you all for your help and support for the journal, the official journal of the SRS.

Sincerely,

John Lonstein,
Editor-in-Chief,
Spine Deformity.

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