



Why you should publish in a special topic issue of the Brain and Spine Journal

Special topic issues (STI) focus on a specific area of research. Due to the big success of our previous special topic issues, - *Global and Humanitarian Neurosurgery* and *Intracranial Pressure and Neuro-monitoring ICP* -, we decided to open our next STI on *Thoracolumbar Spine Fractures* on July 1st, 2023.

STI's provide an excellent opportunity to review very controversial topic. **Thoracolumbar spine fractures**, especially the burst fractures, create a lot of controversy when it comes to treatment. Getting input from multiple perspectives around the world, examining previously unaddressed aspects, proposing new ideas and encouraging new areas of research would be the main objective of this STI, with the ultimate goal to create synergies and foster networks to enhance future research in this field.

For authors there are many benefits for being part of a special topic issues*:

(<https://www.elsevier.com/authors/submit-your-paper/special-issues#:~:text=A%20special%20issue%20also%20provides,encourage%20new%20lines%20of%20research>):

- Special content articles and special topic issues are downloaded on science direct twice as often within the first 24 months than articles published in regular issues.
- Special topic articles attract 20% more citations in the first 24 months than articles published in regular issues.
- Special topic articles published in open access journals attract twice as many citations within the first 24 months than regular articles published in the same journal.
- Special topic articles generate 74% more downloads on science direct within the first 24 months than regular articles published in the same journal.
- Additionally a special topic issue has a longer term impact, because readers typically can easily find your work.

*Data sourced from Scopus and ScienceDirect comparing the performance (citations and downloads) of special content compared with that of regular articles.

Apart from that, there might be other facts which will encourage you to publish in the STI of Brain and Spine.

- There will be no article processing fees (APC's).
- The review time of Brain and Spine is in avg. 8 weeks and our publication time 1 week.
- Our highly renewed Co-Editors are experts in the field. They will support you during the review process.
- A high class editorial team will help you with your publication

Of course the high quality standards of Brain and Spine also apply to STI. The STI about thoracolumbar spine fractures also falls under the rigorous peer review protocol of the Brain and Spine journal. Each paper will be independently reviewed by a minimum of two reviewers and evaluated by a minimum of two Co-Editors to ensure the quality, originality and validity of the work published.

If you like to get all details about the STI – thoracolumbar spine fractures - please have a look at the following [link](#).

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