



Brain and spine has an impact factor

It is only 3 years ago that EUROSPINE and EANS founded *Brain and Spine*. Brain and Spine, is the official scientific journal of EUROSPINE (Spine Society of Europe) and EANS (European Association of Neurosurgical Societies). It is a peer reviewed open access journal for scientific manuscripts concerned with all aspects of the nervous system and axial skeleton.

The story of *Brain and Spine* started at the end of 2020. The Executive Committees of EUROSPINE and EANS under the presidency of Everard Munting (EUROSPINE) and Karl Schaller (EANS) decided to join forces to establish their own academic journal. The major cause for this decision was a discontent with the previous publisher of both scientific organizations that did not want to change the business model to create an open access journal. With Elsevier, the largest scientific publisher in the world, EUROSPINE and EANS identified a new partner that supported their ideas. The contract between the three parties was signed on April 10, 2021 and the ownership of the new open access journal *Brain and Spine – The official journal of EUROSPINE and EANS* was shared 50/50 between the two scientific organizations.

After appointing the Editors-in-Chief, establishing the Editorial Manager software and opening the website in May and June 2021 *Brain and Spine* was ready for submissions on July 7, 2021. Our first editorial was online on July 19, and the first original paper was published on August 6. During the next months, we appointed the Editorial Board and although both scientific societies have a European origin, the journal's Editorial Team consists of high-class experts from across the globe. After indexation in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) on December 3, 2021 and in Google Scholar on May 10, 2022, we achieved our first milestone on October 4, 2022 by being listed in PubMed Central (PMC). Indexation in Scopus (April 11, 2023), the Web of Science (July 26, 2023) and the Emerging Sources Citation Index (July 28, 2023) followed before we achieved our latest milestone, the assignment of an Impact Factor by Clarivate on June 20, 2024.

We did not expect an Impact Factor of already 1.9 after only 3 years of work. Although we are very proud of this achievement, we will work hard to improve our Impact Factor continuously. Therefore, we encourage you to submit your high quality papers. Brain and Spine accepts manuscripts from a wide variety of research areas, such as basic

science at a molecular level, translational research and clinical epidemiology through to population health at a societal level. More specifically, the journal publishes papers that emphasize the fast growing biomedical fields of genomics, molecular sciences, biomechanical engineering, computer navigation and 3-D reconstruction techniques, experimental clinical research, as well as papers from the growing public health fields of clinical epidemiology, medical decision analysis, psychology, bio-ethics and prediction modelling at a population level. In the biomedical arena of structural brain and spinal disorders Brain and Spine offers authors of all disciplines with brain and spine specialization, the possibility to submit manuscripts, describing original scientific studies and systematic reviews with the goal to add value to brain and spine patients care in near future.

After such an achievement, it is time to say “thank you”. We want to thank our scientific societies EUROSPINE and EANS, and especially their staff members Anna, Maria and Valentini, but also Everard, Carlo, Thomas, Marco, Andreas, Torstein and Ahmet for their continuous and excellent assistance. Further we want to thank the Editorial Management Team at Elsevier especially, Aisling, Riccardo and Adam, our Editorial Board, the Guest Editors, especially all our Reviewers and of course - last but not least - the authors and co-authors of our papers for their excellent, highly scientific work and their tremendous support.

Finally, as we are now scientifically recognized worldwide the real work starts to reach higher scientific goals and increase our impact factor in the near future.

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