

Editorial

# Scientific life post-COVID-19 pandemic

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Welcome to the second issue of the first volume of the *Journal of Spine Practice (JSP)*.

Launched in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, the journey of the newly established JSP has been rather challenging. As part of the global community, the scientific world has faced uncertainties since the pandemic and remains wary as the world is slowly opening up and life is returning to normalcy. Nevertheless, many scientific societies were brave enough and have made efforts to return to in-person scientific workshops and conferences. The annual meeting of the Saudi Association of Neurological Surgery (SANS), held early this year with the theme "Back to Life," is one such local example.

In this issue, a report on this meeting is presented, highlighting the scientific program and some of the iconic presentations in the meeting. Future events for the Saudi Spine Society (SSS) are also planned to be held in-person this year, and brief information about the upcoming annual conference is presented in the current issue.

Internationally, SPINE20 will be held this year in Bali, Indonesia, which will be a hybrid event allowing for in-person attendance. SPINE20, a global advocacy group, has held annual meetings since its launch in Riyadh in 2020. A short communication by the spokesperson Prof. Margareta Nordin is presented in the current issue elaborating on the concept of SPINE20 and the vision and objectives thereof.

As a journal launched during the pandemic, with a global impact on research production and publication, we are fortunate and thrilled to see a good number and quality of submissions with a wide spectrum of topics to *JSP*, and are enthusiastic about the growth of our journal in such a short span of time.

Two original papers are presented in this issue after rigorous peer review. The first one is titled: "*The Morbidity and Mortality Rate following Surgery in Patients with Metastatic Spine Disease*," an exciting study tackling one of the most challenging Spine Oncology with possible complications. The second paper, titled: "*Occupational therapy treatment time during inpatient spinal cord injury rehabilitation: A retrospective study in Riyadh*," discusses an important aspect of rehabilitation for patients with spinal cord injury, a topic not commonly presented among multidisciplinary teams for spine care.

The other two articles are case reports of fascinating and rare cases. The first one, titled: "*An association between Cloacal Exstrophy and Two Limited Dorsal Myeloschisis Lesions: Case Report and Literature Review*," presents a surgical intervention for a rare congenital spine condition. The second one is titled: "*Scoliosis Secondary to herniated Lumbar disk in an Adolescents: A Case Report*," which is another rare presentation among children and adolescents.



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