

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR



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Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to those who have submitted manuscripts to the Journal. We are pleased to publish five new papers in this issue, on topics ranging from safety in the laboratory, to technical reports on the plastination process. The world-wide reach of this technology is evidenced by the fact that the papers in this issue come from Brazil, China and Germany, with three coming from teams working in Brazil.

My main priority for next year is to get the Journal indexed. We have made changes to the journal in the light of feedback we received from the National Library of Medicine, which should help in making a strong case for getting the journal indexed on Medline in the near future.

In the meantime, I have submitted an application to Scopus and Embase. "Over 8,500 journals are currently indexed in Embase, and each year several hundred additional journals of potential interest are screened by an editorial committee entrusted with the review and quality assessment of biomedical publications for Embase."¹

Scopus is the largest abstract and citation database of peer-reviewed literature: scientific journals, books and conference proceedings, covering over 36,000 titles.²

The review process, however, is not fast, and it can take many months from application to actual inclusion. The acknowledgement email from Scopus advised us to allow a minimum period of 6-12 months for the review process to be completed. Yesterday I received the following message in response to my request for an update: "The title *Journal of Plastination* is in the final phase of the evaluation process and we are now waiting for the final decision of our Content Selection & Advisory Board (CSAB). Once the outcome of the evaluation by the CSAB is available, you will be contacted by us again. We appreciate your patience in this matter."

I hope to be able to report more positive news in the next issue.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Philip J. Adds". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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References

1. <https://www.elsevier.com/solutions/embase-biomedical-research/journal-title-suggestion?sb=1508153513999>
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