EDITORIAL

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Dear Colleagues:

Asking Bisht

In October 2025, the following email notification was received by the Editor:

"We are pleased to inform you that Journal of Plastination has been listed and verified in the AskBisht.com Journal Directory, a growing database that features reputable journals from major indexing sources including Scopus, Web of Science, DOAJ, PubMed, MEDLINE, and EMBASE."

AskBisht (a "Comprehensive Journal Discovery Platform") was founded by Yogesh Singh Bisht of New Delhi, India. Bisht is a journal publishing and indexing specialist, a Crossref Ambassador and a Member of Society for Scholarly Publishing, with a history of engagement in academic publishing.

AskBisht was created as "a free, curated directory of academic journals to help researchers, authors, and academicians easily find the right journal for their work – transparently and without confusion. The site can be searched by journal title, ISSN, publisher, subject area, or keyword, in order to compare, and discover journals that best fit your research".

With the proliferation of open-access journals in recent years, it can be challenging for authors to identify legitimate, reputable, and open-access journals. AskBisht aims to give researchers clarity and confidence when choosing where to publish.

The AskBisht website has a "journal suggester" facility which aims to help authors locate a suitable journal for their papers, using AI-powered matching. The abstract, or keywords, can simply be pasted into the site, and a list of matched journals will be generated that match an author's subject area, to find "the perfect journal for your research".

To test this facility, I inputted the abstracts, and then the keywords from the three manuscripts published in this issue of The Journal of Plastination. A list of thirty matched journals was generated in each case, listed in order of percentage match score. The results are shown below:

1. **Demko et al. "Dissection and plastination of a lower limb in postoperative regeneration of a bicondylar fracture"**

Abstract match: top journal "Strategies in Trauma and Limb Reconstruction" (56% match) Keywords match: top journal "Orthopaedic Surgery" (54% match)

The Journal of Plastination did not appear on either list, despite "plastination" being the first keyword, and "epoxy resin immersion" and "plastination" being mentioned in the abstract.

2. Islam & Sultana "Efficacy of epoxy resin immersion technique in preserving canine whole organ anatomy"

Abstract match: top, "Journal of Plastination" (50% match)
Second, "Journal of Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine" (44% match)
Keywords match: top "Clinical, Cosmetic and Investigational Dentistry" (54% match)

The Journal of Plastination was 23rd on the list, with a 44% match.

3. Gibbs et al. "Developing a protocol to create epoxy-embedded gross anatomy teaching specimens"

Abstract match: top, "Anatomical Sciences Education" (49% match); 2nd, Clinical Anatomy (45%); 3rd, Journal of Plastination (45%)

Keywords match: top, "Materiale Plastice" (43%), 2nd, J Plast (42%); 3rd, Journal of Injection Molding Technology (41%)

In conclusion, it is good news that The Journal of Plastination is now listed in another journal database. It is to be hoped that this will raise the journal's profile further, and encourage submissions from authors who might not otherwise have been aware of the journal or who hadn't considered submitting their work to it.

On the other hand, it is disappointing that the AI-generated list of matching journals failed to suggest our journal in two of the six test cases. It was, however, gratifying to see it in first or second place on the list three times, and, notably, in association with high impact-factor journals such as Anatomical Sciences Education and Clinical Anatomy.

In this issue of the journal, we are pleased to present a report and the abstracts from the 13th International Interim Meeting on Plastination, held at the Universidad de La Frontera, Chile, in December, as well as the three original contributions mentioned above.

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References

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