EDITORIAL

IJB is on its way to Science Citation Index

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I am pleased to announce that *International Journal of Bioprinting* (IJB) – a peer-reviewed, open-access and biannual journal – was recently accepted into Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI) by Clarivate Analytics (formerly known as Thomson Reuters). As of now, we are very proud of being the first and the only bioprinting journal among the 23,243 journals covered in Web of Science. According to Clarivate Analytics, by the 4th quarter of this year at the latest, articles published in IJB of 2017 will be indexed and searchable in Web of Science. However, with the launch of Emerging Sources Citation Index Ten Year Archive programme by Clarivate Analytics, coincidentally in October 2017, we expect that all articles published in IJB (since 2015) will become visible in Web of Science by the end of this year. Hereby we would like to thank all contributing Editorial Board Members and contributing authors for their passion in bioprinting and support for IJB. We continue to work towards indexing in Science Citation Index (SCI) and look forward to receiving our first impact factor in due course.

Bioprinting remains to be a trendy topic, evidenced by the fact that eight research and review articles published in IJB of 2015 were cited over 52 times in SCI journals in 2016 alone. This result is really impressive and encouraging. We will continue to strive to our excellence to make IJB a top journal in bioprinting. Meanwhile, we also welcome authors to submit their papers in areas relevant to current or future bioprinting, such as effects of processing parameters on 3D printing[1,2] or bioprinting numerical or empirical modelling on 3D printing and bioprinting[2,3], 3D printed or bioprinted drug delivery devices[4], as well as 4D printing or 4D bioprinting[5,6].

In this July issue of IJB, three perspective articles, four original research articles and a book review are covered. Zhang shares his opinion on the importance of post-processing in bioprinting to enhance the functionality of printed medical devices[7]. Sklare *et al.* envision single cell bioprinting as enabled by their newly developed software[8]. Datta *et al.* provide an overview of current bioprinting research landscape for osteochondral tissues[9]. In the Original Articles section, Shi *et al.* present a multi-step bioprinting process for constructing a three-layer retina tissue equivalent[10]. Sachan *et al.* demonstrate bioprinting of amphotericin B on microneedles using matrix assisted pulsed laser evaporation[11]. Zhou *et al.* suggest a dual crosslinking strategy to tailor rheological properties of gelatin methacryloyl[12]. Dias *et al.* report a new design of an electrospinning apparatus for bioprinting and tissue engineering applications[13]. Finally, Tran recommends a new book on standards of 3D printing including bioprinting[14].

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