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The editorial function and peer review process are critical to scientific medical publishing, which influences the quality of published manuscripts. My staff and I emphasize the importance of the peer review process and use multiple peer reviewers per manuscript. When our peer reviewers determine that improvements may be made in reference to any particular manuscript, we return the manuscript to the author(s) with suggested improvements. We work closely with authors with the goal to improve the quality of the manuscript via peer review and expand knowledge in the scientific medical field. Assisting authors will continue to be the focus of *International Surgery* in the future.

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*International Surgery* editorial staff will continue to remain in step with change in the scientific medical publishing field in optimally serving authors of approved peer review manuscripts by publishing as quickly as possible. Authors of manuscripts will continue to be given priority consideration throughout the publishing process of *International Surgery*. The future of *International Surgery* is assured.

I welcome any questions or comments that you may have.

Sincerely,

Christopher Chen  
Editor-in-Chief  
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