

Brain & Spine

Journal:: Brain & Spine **Publisher::** Elsevier, official journal of [EUROSPINE](#) and [EANS](#) **Access::** Open-access **Impact Factor::** ~1.9 (CiteScore 2.1, 2023–2024) **APC::** ~€1,780 (50% waiver for society members) **Editors-in-Chief::** Frank Kandziora, Wilco Peul

Strengths

- **Open-access visibility** :: Freely accessible; boosts dissemination.
- **Society-backed** :: Official journal of EUROSPINE and EANS.
- **Multidisciplinary scope** :: Includes spine & brain surgery, biomechanics, navigation, epidemiology, bioethics, molecular biology, etc.
- **Ethical peer-review** :: Double-blind review, COPE-aligned policies.
- **Early recognition** :: Indexed in Scopus, Web of Science.
- **Quality promotion** :: Reviewer incentives like “Reviewer of the Year”.

Weaknesses

- **Modest Impact Factor** :: ~1.9 — lower than competitors like Journal of Neurosurgery: Spine (~3.1).
- **Expensive APC** :: ~€1,780 per article; even with 50% waiver, may be a barrier.
- **Reputation still developing** :: Young journal, still consolidating standing.
- **Bibliometric volatility** :: IF and CiteScore may not fully reflect scientific rigor.

Summary Table

Attribute	Assessment
Scope & relevance	Broad, multidisciplinary
Access	Fully open-access
Peer review	Double-blind, international board
Impact	Moderate; improving
Costs	High APC unless discounted
Best for	Translational research, EU-based collaborations

📄 Recommendations

1. Ideal for authors prioritizing accessibility and wide reach.
2. Less suited for those seeking high-impact journal prestige.
3. Society members should apply APC discounts.
4. Review thematic fit carefully before submission.



Final Verdict:: Brain & Spine is a legitimate, ethically reviewed, and strategically positioned European journal with increasing relevance. A strong candidate for open-access publication—especially for translational or multidisciplinary spine-brain work—though not yet a top-tier citation vehicle.

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