Looking back at 2019 in *BioTechniques*

Welcome to the last issue of 2019 for *BioTechniques*! It has been an exciting year – we’ve covered some very interesting new techniques and tools for the laboratory, had some great discussions with our authors and readers, and made some exciting updates to the journal itself.

One of my highlights of 2019 has been the conversations I have had with some of our authors at the conferences we’ve attended this year. In particular, those who published their first ever articles with *BioTechniques*. I have really enjoyed hearing how their research has progressed since those early days, and how they are now inspiring and mentoring the next generations of researchers!

Another highlight has of course been the content we have published this year. You can very much follow the progression of science within the pages of *BioTechniques*, and it is great to see a continuously increasing amount of content now looking at improving methods for analysis of results, in addition to the advances in lab research enabling the generation of those results in the first place.

I cannot wait to see what 2020 has in store, in particular with regards to innovations in the lab, but also in terms of the new changes we’re making (which you can read more about in the November issue) and the conversations we will continue to have with researchers at the forefront of their fields.

I wish all of you an excellent end to 2019, and a great start to 2020!

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