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Welcome to the Winter Spring 2020 issue of the Journal of Transportation Management (JTM), being Vol. 30 No 2! Amazing the JTM has hit 30 years and is older than many other SCM journals! So Happy Birthday for JTM and is authors.

The issue starts with an article on trucking industry drug testing and the merits of hair vs. urine tests. The second article examines blockchain and RFID applications in the retail inventory supply chain. The third article is one of two on the airline industry. The third article looks at exogenous factors influencing flight delays. While the fourth article examines the role of size in airline profitability. The issue concludes with an overview of the evolution of the E-Grocery industry channel.

Our first article explores the advantages and disadvantages of trucking industry drug testing using the current urine sample approach vs. the use of hair samples. Results of their analysis indicates hair samples would offer a lot of advantages. The second article looks at the benefits that could be derived from additional use of blockchain and RFID applications in the retail inventory management space. The third article asks whether size matters in the airline industry. The authors find that cost efficiencies come with every increase in airline size. The fourth article examines the role of various types of delay causes in the total picture of overall delays. They find that non-weather sources of delays under the control of airlines were the primary contributor to overall delays. The last article looks at the e-Grocery channel and how it has evolved. They report on the resurrection of the e-Grocery channel after several years of decline.

At the Journal, we are continuing to make a number of changes that will improve the visibility of JTM, and improve its position in the supply chain publishing world. These include registering and updating journal information with several publishing guides, and placing the past and current content on services that provide visibility to Google Scholar. Authors will receive summaries of downloaded articles monthly, and can examine the Digital Commons web site for data on various aspects of the publication and their articles. One year old and beyond issues will be placed into the system.

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