## **EDITORIAL**

## The Brazilian Journal of Physical Therapy profile

Every scientific journal has a specific profile and contributes to the dissemination of the knowledge produced in a certain area. The objective of the Brazilian Journal of Physical Therapy (BJPT) is to publish scientific articles related to the basic object of study and to the field of professional activities of Physical Therapy. The BJPT publishes basic and applied studies on the prevention and treatment of movement dysfunctions.

Nevertheless, after careful evaluation of the content of articles that have been published in the BJPT, it became clear that the authors of several papers did not endeavour to point out the relationship between the reported results and the area of Physical Therapy or even the area of rehabilitation in a broader sense. Such deficiency was observed in clinical as well as in basic articles.

The contribution of a periodical to its area of knowledge is an important evaluation criterion in the process of international indexation. Since expansion of international indexation is the next objective of the BJPT, its editors consider that this aspect must be contemplated in all papers to be published in the future. Therefore, we request authors to be attentive to the BJPT profile and clearly present, in each submitted manuscript, the relevance or the contribution of the study and its results to Physical Therapy or Rehabilitation.

We believe that a common effort to achieve this objective will contribute to improve the quality of the BJPT and achieve an expansion of its indexation in international databases.

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