

Revista Dor and the challenge for new indexations

A Revista Dor e o desafio para as novas indexações

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Working for a journal implies, among several possibilities, reviewing concepts, facts and news in different areas and requires attitudes leading readers to pay attention to its content. From a scientific journal a million things are expected, among them the technical quality of each publication. Editing a journal is interdisciplinary group task and each part expresses a detail of results, since compliance with pre-established standards to typesetting once an article is accepted. In this context, the role of the editor and of the editorial body is undoubtedly critical for the analysis of the quality of studies submitted to approval. And pain as object of study is in itself extremely complex, both etymologically and epistemologically, requiring a critical and detailed look of every consultant.

The aim of *Revista Dor* is to promote and spread knowledge translating the advances of clinical and experimental research on pain to beyond Brazilian boundaries. The effort to index *Revista Dor* in the traditional *INDEX MEDICUS* shall be the next challenge for the Brazilian Society for the Study of Pain (SBED) during this term of office. Maintaining the posture of previous Editors will surely consolidate this intention. The journal needs articles of high scientific quality, enough to maintain its periodicity along the year, and well defined evaluation systems, such as peer reviews, to reach its indexation.

CAPES *Qualis* system to evaluate scientific publications classifies journals in categories A1, A2, B1 to B5, in addition to C (null), according to technical quality. Currently we are B3 in some areas and this reality shall only change toward maximum concept if there is work and belief in the advantage of results. So, establishing the Journal as document for the expression of technical quality researchers still requires hard work. Fundamental for indexation is meeting criteria required by institutions and acknowledge our limitations. From now on, dedicated and thorough work shall be the rule.

The importance of the study of pain in contemporary world is unquestionable due to the scaring progression of the prevalence of the symptom and of the disease worldwide. Understanding the threshold between pain as a symptom and pain as the disease itself requires continuous efforts in the search for the intersection between basic science and clinical evidence. This might be the road for the understanding of chronic pain anatomy and therapy. There is no longer space for health professional approaches not based on studies published in scientific reliability journals. Good management implies good pain relief results, improved quality of life and wellbeing of patients and less health system costs. *Revista Dor*, easily accessed online, has to and shall support health professionals in a technical and objective manner, allowing the fight against pain now and in the future.

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