

The importance of *ad hoc* reviewers

A importância dos revisores ad hoc

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Dear readers and SBED members,

I am very happy to complete one more two-year cycle of *Revista Dor, Pesquisa Clínica e Terapêutica*, official journal of our society, where an expressive number of scientific articles of the most different areas, professions and specialties were published, showing the advance in pain understanding in our country. This period was marked by the beginning of online submission of articles, in the attempt of enhancing the quality of the processes of our journal. In addition, it is worth highlighting the increasing work of *ad hoc* reviewers, who have been of paramount importance to get fast and justified specialists' opinions.

The Latin expression *ad hoc* literally means "for such" or "for this objective" and, in Brazil, *ad hoc* reviewers are those reviewing scientific studies submitted for publication in a journal, without, however, being permanent members of the editorial or reviewers staff. Since sometimes opinion requests are not answered or are delayed, be it by reviewer contact change or its difficulty, or even impossibility of giving his timely opinion, *ad hoc* reviewers' work has been extremely valuable for our journal.

I would like to thank all reviewers and, especially our *ad hoc* consultants, who have donated their time and knowledge for the consolidation of our journal and, for such, a list of these contributors is presented below, to show all our readers who these so special professionals are.

Once more, thank you!

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