

EDITORIAL

In the last two years, many good things have happened to our journal besides being indexed in the Web of Science (ISI). After three years of listing in the index, we reached an Impact Factor of 0.698, recorded by the Journal Citation Reports (JCR), corresponding to a Qualis B2.

Hence *Acta Ortopédica Brasileira* is now an ISI indexed journal with an Impact Factor on a par with several periodicals such as the *São Paulo Medical Journal*, *Foot and Ankle*, *Minerva Ortop.* and others.

Some changes of direction have become necessary for ACTA to adopt a more current posture, fully consistent with the international trends of indexed journals.

Thus aiming at a better adaptation to the requests of Medline, we introduced some guidelines and standardizations already employed notably in *Clinical Orthopaedics and Related Research* and in the *Journal of the AAOS*:

1. Internationalization of the editorial staff;
2. Encourage publication of foreign authors;
3. Encourage inter-institutional studies;
4. Citation of the academic liaison of the members of the editorial board;
5. Refer to the type of study in all the articles;
6. Limit the number of authors of the papers to six;
7. Prioritize original articles, notably level I/III;
8. Favor the publication of doctoral and masters theses;
9. Accept review articles and case descriptions on an exceptional basis;
10. Inclusion of articles published in national journals in the references; and
11. Limit the number of references to 20, highlighting those of the last five years in bold.

We are counting on the support of all those involved, so that the high level of medical care provided today by the areas of orthopedics and traumatology in several parts of Brazil can be demonstrated by our publications.

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