# Letters to the Editor

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#### Medline

Prof. Dr. Domingo M. Braile,

Your February letter and the 18:4-2003 issue of the "Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery" sent to Sheldon Kotzin were referred to me for reply. The National Library of Medicine will be pleased to reconsider indexing this title, which was reviewed in 1998 but was not recommended for indexing. The Library uses an NIH-chartered committee, the Literature Selection Technical Review Committee (LSTRC) to advise the Library on the selection of journal titles for indexing. The Committee carefully examines one copy of the four most recent issues available.

Please send one copy of three additional (2003/2004) issues to Sheldon Kotzin. Then, continue sending single copies of each forthcoming issue until you receive further notice to stop sending issues. (Do NOT send duplicate issues or supplements.) I will see that a copy of your letter with accompanying information is given to the consultants at the time of the review. After the review process has been completed you will receive written notification concerning the Committee's recommendations. (The Committee meets three times a year and it takes about one month after each meeting before all written notifications are sent to editors/publishers.)

Thank you for your interest in having your journal indexed by NLM.

Sincerely,

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Dear Professor Domingo Braile,

I have followed your untiring struggle to link our Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery to Medline, which often demanded your immeasurable patience. And if we manage to link it to Medline, and I am sure that this will happen soon, we from the Brazilian Cardiovascular Surgery will owe much to a very few people who really fought for this to happen. Principally we will have a great debt with you, for the time and effort that you dedicated, for your reputation that you lent to our society in foreign countries, by the seriousness and credibility you demonstrated in the international institutions.

In short, we are going to commemorate this.

Sincerely, José Luiz Dancini

## Portugal

Dear Prof. Domingo Braile,

We received the Journal that you thoughtfully sent to us and I hope that you have received ours.

We think your project is very interesting and your journal with a regular low quality, (unhappily), in Portuguese Journals. Congratulations on your initiative and my best wishes for a long-lasting continuation.

I would like to request if at all possible, besides the article that I asked for earlier, permission to reprint here, in Portugal the following article: "Initial results on the utilization of mechanical devices for proximal saphenous vein graft anastomosis: a clinical and angiographic evaluation" by Fabio J. et al.

As I told you before, both articles will have a reference saying that they are reproduced from your journal and we will send copies to you and to the authors, if you agree of course. Thank you for your collaboration,

With our best wishes

## J Pereira Albino - Editor - Portuguese Journal of Cardiothoracic and Vascular Surgery

Dear J. Pereira Albino,

Thank you for your pleasant words, which encourage us to continue the hard struggle to produce a Journal which can, if possible, represent Brazilian Heart Surgery and the entire Latin American Community. In relation to the article of Prof. Dr. Fábio Jatene, there is no problem whatever in publishing it, in fact, it will be a great honor for us.

regards

Domingo Braile - Editor - RBCCV

## **BCS**

The Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery is already on the Internet and free access can be achieved from a banner on the site of the Brazilian Cardiology Society. The address is as follows:

http://departamentos.cardiol.br/sbccv/.

A second access is via the site of Scielo (http://www.scielo.br/rbccv), which also makes the complete text of all the articles of the Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery from 1997 to 2003 available free of charge.

The Cardiovascular Surgery Department has tried to include in its published articles, issues of interest not only to surgeons but also to clinicians. "This is a farreaching measure that can strengthen the so important scientific ties between clinicians and surgeons, a fundamental factor for the evolution and benefit of patients" Domingo Braile, the editor of the journal explained.

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