

Letters to the Editor

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Dr. Mr. Domingo Braile

I am pleased to inform you that *Revista Brasileira de Cirurgia Cardiovascular* has been selected for coverage in Thomson Reuters products and services. Beginning with V. 23 (1) 2008, this publication will be indexed and abstracted in:

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If possible, please mention in the first few pages of the journal that it is covered in these Thomson Reuters services. I'd like to draw your attention to the two enclosed pages. The *Journal Information Sheet*, upon completion kindly return immediately. The *E-feed Scenario* outlines the requirements for electronic journal processing.

In the future *Revista Brasileira de Cirurgia Cardiovascular* may be evaluated and included in additional Thomson Reuters products to meet the needs of the scientific and scholarly research community.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

**Marian Hollingsworth - Director, Publisher Relations
Thomson Reuters**

Braile. Congratulations for this victory, our wishes for much health and congratulations to everyone who contributed to such important achievement for our journal.

Antônio de Pádua Jazbik

Congratulations, this achievement is a pride for us members of the BSCVS.

Fernando Torres

Congratulations to the Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery and especially to Drs. Domingo Braile and Walter Gomes. Greetings to all

**Lourival Bonatelli Filho
ACCCV**

I congratulate the editors of BJCVS for this great achievement that we, who campaigned in the areas of Cardiology and Cardiovascular Surgery, are so proud of it. It is a further demonstration that the continuous and concentrate effort on the goal always leads to a great accomplishment. We have followed the constant struggle of Prof. Braile in achievement this purpose one day. Again, congratulations and a warm regard to the whole production team of the Journal!

Moacir Fernandes de Godoy, São José do Rio Preto/SP

Congratulations BJCVS! Congratulations Editor(s) and Board of BSCVS. Pride of all cardiovascular surgeons in the country!

Odilon N. Barbosa - Rio de Janeiro/R.J

Congratulations for this great achievement.
Warm regards!

Pablo Pomerantzef, São Paulo/SP

Congratulations to all BSCVS, this victory counted on the participation of each of its partners and especially our editor-in-chief.

Paulo Brofman, Curitiba/PR

Congratulations for this great achievement.
Regards.

Renato Kalil, Porto Alegre/RS

Congratulations to all who are part of the editorial board of our journal, and those who were involved directly or indirectly to this achievement, especially our beloved and tireless Dr. Domingo Braile.

Valdir Cesarino

Sheldon Kotzin

National Library of Medicine.

Associate Director for Library Operations

Dear Prof. Sheldon

I am delighted to inform you, that the *Revista Brasileira de Cirurgia Cardiovascular/Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery* was accepted at the Reuters Thompson (ISI) database.

I know very well that the admission of our journal in the MEDLINE/PubMed database was fundamental for the progress which we can see day by day at RBCCV/BJCVS. I want once more to say thank you, for the very kind reception offered to me and my wife during our visit to the National Library of Medicine.

Together to that news, I want to ask you another favor.

Some days ago you received the *Revista Brasileira de Cardiologia Invasiva*, application to Medline.

This journal is the Sociedade Brasileira de Hemodinâmica e Cardiologia Intervencionista official organ.

The Editor, Dra. Áurea Jacob Chaves, is a member of the Instituto Dante Pazzanese de Cardiologia, one of the most important Institute for Cardiac Diseases in Brazil.

I hope that the quality and its regular presentation since 2003, can be enough factors to the RBCI [<http://www.rbc.org.br>] be included in the Medline.

Counting on your help, receive my best personal regards,

Sincerely

Domingo Braile

Editor RBCCV/BJCVS

Ischemic postconditioning

Dear Editor,

I hereby ask you, Mr. Editor, to publish a citation correction of

our article "Effects of ischemic postconditioning on left ventricular function of isolated rat hearts" - Rev Bras Cir Cardiovasc 2009;24(1):31-37.

We mention that the term ischemic postconditioning was described by Zhao et al. in 2003, as well as the articles cited in the references did the same.

However, recently we received an e-mail (below) of Prof. Heung Sik Na, Director of the Department of Physiology at the University of South Korea, claiming that the first use of the term ischemic postconditioning was done by him and his group in 1996 (American Heart Journal 1996, 132:78-83).

Regards,

Bruno B Pinheiro - Goiânia/GO.

Dear Prof. Pinheiro,

I am pleased to read your article Effects of ischemic postconditioning on left ventricular function of isolated rat hearts. Although both pre- and postconditioning are known to alleviate reperfusion injury, I am interested in postconditioning rather than preconditioning. That's because, preconditioning strategy would be impossible to implement.

In 1996, we reported the results that ischemic postconditioning alleviated reperfusion-induced ventricular fibrillation (Ventricular premature beat-driven intermittent restoration of coronary blood flow reduces the incidence of reperfusion-induced ventricular fibrillation in a cat model of regional ischemia). American Heart Journal, 1996;132:78-83).

You stated in your article that the cardioprotective effect of ischemic postconditioning was first described by Vinten-Johansen's laboratory in 2003. But, as far as I know, we first coined "Postconditioning" as a term of cardioprotective strategy.

Please give an interest to our results.

Yours sincerely,

Heung Sik Na, MD, PhD - Dean, Professor - Department of Physiology - Korea University College of Medicine

Aorta Supplement

Dear friend Braile,

I've received with joy the supplement of our journal. All articles are excellent in all aspects. I think it will have a great repercussion, especially due to its disseminator role of our thinking, that shows that the BSCVS and its journal are wide awake to the new surgical reality we live. Again, my congratulations.

José Glauco Lobo Filho – Fortaleza/CE

Congratulations, Dr. José Wanderlei

Maceió, July 08, 2009

Dear friend Wanderley,

Followed by heart, the seat of human affections, and illuminated by the necessary sense of justice, I mention herein that the sincere tribute to your birthday transcends mere social formality to exalt who, during his honored lifetime, practiced medicine, often incorporates the refined role of priest of the afflicted in the specialties of cardiology and cardiovascular surgery.

Integrating the group of renowned Brazilian cardiovascular surgeons who with care have been reaching the excellence of modern and advanced methods of treatment applied to the heart diseases, he excels in anamneses and when pathologies irreversible to clinical therapy are found, he uses the best technique with a painstaking art.

Inspired by the great teachers like Jesus Zerbini, pioneer of heart transplants, and Adib Jatene, a world reference in Cardiology interacting in the novitiate, he gave rise, together with the renowned

of the medicine, to the throbbin diagnosis on cardiovascular disease and clinical or surgical developments. Valuing the patient's life, he follows the path of a healing Herald. As a follower of the philosopher Kant, he treats man as an end.

Moreover, in the sanctity of biblical interpretation, the stones that you lifted in the adversities of time built the monumental greatness of the high human being.

As for the tears shed by emotion, God gathered them in the treasury of the reward.

National, regional and local reference of Cardiology, he does not delight in the glory of the ego, nor makes sense to vain things. Born in the backlands of Alagoas, Cacimbinhas, descending from the family genesis of Wanderley, José Neto is a virtuous human race.

In the medical and paramedical communities on which he lives with, he is aware of ethical and professional attributes, sits at the table with his colleagues, formulates propositions and, pluralizing the exchange of medical sciences with similar institutions, aims at the interface with society.

Aware that the power is fleeting in the simplicity of everyday life and as he has been State Secretary of Health and being currently Vice Governor, is faithful collaborator of the Chief of the Executive in Alagoas in microthemes, especially those involving public health states. In performing public duties, he always worked with zeal and unique discretion.

Owner of a superb academic and professional curriculum, he is President and Founder of the Brazilian, North/Northeast and of Alagoas Society of Cardiovascular Surgery, Founder and Chief of Cardiac Surgery of Santa Casa de Misericórdia of Maceió, and also Director of Surgical and Study Centers as well as of the Heart Institute of that traditional medical and hospital complex.

He also deployed, in the lovely and secular Santa Casa de Misericórdia of Maceió, the pioneering cardiovascular surgeries, coronary angioplasty and coronary thrombolysis procedures and heart transplant. There, in the Surgical Center, he has saved many cardiac patients.

In this profile, the society of Alagoas and Santa Casa de Misericórdia of Maceió recognize that, as carrier of the noble cause in defense of human life, Dr. José Wanderley is the responsible for the most relevant services to his countrymen. His career has reached the level of excellence and the Alagoas's history may highlight it.

In the brilliant career, he is Professor of the Surgery Department of Ufal, Visiting Professor of the Specialization Course in Cardiac Surgery of the University of Valença and member of the Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery.

Loyal disciple of Hippocrates, the solid intellectual formation that he acquired and now discloses to the current generations reflects the sureness that the moths do not chew it and, specially, thieves do not steal it.

In this vocation, proclaim: I HAVE FOUGHT THE GOOD FIGHT.

So, with the feeling of well-being in seeing the birthday man with the eyes of the righteous, listening to the echo of your clinical or surgical hands and beating the hearts with joy by have you as a protector of the life, the Alagoas's citizens sing happy birthday to you, José Wanderley Neto.

Juarez Miguel (lawyer), Maceió/AL

Histomorphometric Differences Between the Left and Right Internal Thoracic Arteries in Humans

Dear Mr. Editor,

We read with great interest the original article of Ribeiro et al. (2008) on "Histomorphometric differences between the left and

right internal thoracic arteries in humans" [1]. It is an excellent manuscript and provided appropriate information about histomorphometric differences between the right and left internal thoracic arteries.

We found a small error in the article: the legend of Fig. 5 describes difference between the "thickness of tunica intima" of right and left internal thoracic arteries but the vertical bar of the graph is labeled as "thickness of tunica media" instead of "thickness of tunica intima".

Regards,

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Excellence

Dear Friend and Mentor Dr. Braile

I would like to express my congratulations on the 24.2 issue of BJCVS. It was just received, but not "digested" yet, one can see the great number of original scientific studies, which have a unique quality. There is no doubt that the journal is taking important steps to be one of the best journals in its specialty worldwide. There is no doubt that this is the reward of years of efforts, which are recognized by the indexing of this journal in global databases, which requires great demands for its indexing. There is no doubt that the Continuing Medical Education is linked to that, but it is only present due to the excellence of the articles, and in this issue there are already four studies "rewarded" with this type of disclosure. There is no doubt that in order to achieve this project one should have excellent studies submitted. But above all there must be a person who is committed body and soul to a hard task as that he does, and that most often is not recognized as it should.

Dr. Braile, send my congratulations to all those who directly give their valuable contribution that helped our journal to reach this point, always remembering that they are just giving one more step towards a fought and deserved successful.

I take this opportunity to thank him for his availability as well as of Ricardo Brandau, in making in such a short time, an edition that includes the South Brazilian Congress of Cardiovascular Surgery, with the publication of abstracts of oral free themes, the Module I of the Aortic Endovascular Intervention Course, with studies of the themes to be presented, and the Guidelines Update for the surgical treatment of aortic diseases from Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery. This supplement is a further demonstration of the maturity of our journal, and undoubtedly a further demonstration of the determination of Dr. Braile in making things happen, and his dedication and of his

team, to a project which we are so proud of it.

Congratulations, Dr. Braile.

Rui Almeida, Cascavel/PR

Image

Dear Colleague,

I am a Cardiology Specialist Registrar in London UK. I am writing a Cardiology Text Book aimed at Junior doctors and I am currently looking for a suitable image for the front cover. I happened to stumble across this image on your article (Interatrial communication and hypothyroidism in patient with Down Syndrome – RBCCV 22.4 p. 515-6).

Shouvik Halder, Londres/Inglaterra

Dear Shouvik Halder,

I authorize the use of the image and it will be my pleasure. But don't forget the BJCVS citation (Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery).

I would like to receive a copy of this book, it would be very important to us. I will send attachments with the original image quality for your use.

Regards,

Ulisses A. Croti, São José do Rio Preto/SP

The fulfillment of a desire

Dear colleagues,

Cardiac pacing is currently under major transformation and expansion. The treatment of tachyarrhythmias and heart failure are the new fields of expertise. In this evolving scenario, stimulation is no longer only recommended in bradycardia and spread to other pathologies, growing in complexity, so that the physician that militates in the specialty needs of continuous improvement. Accreditation and the definition of a field of expertise are essential for the proper professional exercise of the specialty by cardiovascular surgeons and clinical cardiologists.

The Artificial Heart Stimulation Department (DECA) of the BSCVS, faced with this need and concerned about adding cardiologists and surgeons on behalf of the specialty, prepared a proposal that defines the heart stimulation as field of expertise.

This project was approved by the board of BSCVS in the person of the President, Dr. Gilberto Venossi Barbosa, who spared no effort, embraced this cause and took it to the Brazilian Society of Cardiology (BSC). BSC understood and accepted the need of the field of expertise, thus submitting the project at the Mixed Committee of Specialties of the Brazilian Medical Association (AMB).

As soon as we hear about the progress of this request, we will disclose it in our website: www.deca.org.br.

I express herein my sincere thanks to the Drs Gilberto Venossi Barbosa, Antonio Carlos Palandri Chagas (President of BSC) and Cláudio José Fuganti for their support and dedication in preparing the design of the field of expertise, and also to Drs Luiz Antonio Castilho Teno and Silvana Angelina Dorio Nishioka, member of Deca and Brazilian Society of Cardiac Arrhythmias (Sobrac), by active participation in the design.

I thank everyone who supported us and helped this dream to become true.

Warmest regards,

Dr. Vicente Avila Neto – President of Deca – São Paulo/SP

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