



## Editorial

### About the 1<sup>st</sup> impact factor of the BJP in ISI/JCR

Disclosure of the JCR in 2009 that the Brazilian Journal of Pharmacognosy appears with the Impact Factor (IF) of 3.462, greater than that of large and traditional journals in the area, indicates that we need to look at this index over care. The FI does not represent our real integration into the international scientific community

The JCR in 2009 is the result of the ratio of the number of citations in articles published by a magazine and the number of publications in the years 2007 and 2008. Comparing our data published in the ISI to some journals, we find that the Brazilian Journal of Pharmacognosy, with 1163 citations, could not have FI greater than the prestigious *Journal of Natural Products* (JNP) with 16000 citations (IF = 3.159), for example. The number of self-citations from the BJP, in these two years is extremely high, 86%, while that of JNP is the order of 7%.

We assumed the editorship of the BJP in mid-2009. In our editorial in the first issue of 2010 titled "Publication or quote: what should be our concern?" (Vol. 20 No. 1) - we show that as editors we want to develop a consistent work within the standards required for a scientific journal. Thus, we would be giving our contribution, publishing work that can make a difference in the scientific community instead of using trickery to obtain high levels of impact.

Thus, we would give our contribution to the scientific community by publishing papers that may be relevant to our investigation area instead of using trickery to obtain high levels of impact.

We want to clarify to the scientific community that we do not agree to be the amount disclosed by the ISI, as the real Impact Factor of the BJP. Eliminating self-citations from the FI, the value would drop to 0.327. This is the value that the current board this journal assumed to be, in fact, our FI. We will demonstrate, therefore, real growth in the coming years walking safely across the scientific value of the Brazilian Journal of Pharmacognosy. We disagree and do not practice the policy of inclusion of self-citations.

We want to consolidate the journal and work with the same posture adopted by major and reputable journals in Brazil and abroad, because we want to be valued equally, with indexes to give us conditions to manage well the magazine.

That is our challenge.

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