

The Brazilian Journal of Physical Therapy is now published by Elsevier: a step forward

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Thanks to the effort of all authors and members that served the Editorial Board during these 20 years, the BJPT has continuously growing in quality. Great effort has also been put to reduce the review time and to publish high quality papers that could influence clinical practice. Despite all accomplishments, it is time for another step forward, which will help improving the worldwide visibility of the articles published by the BJPT. Thus, it is our pleasure to announce the partnership between the BJPT and Elsevier, starting January 2017.

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We are excited and confident that these changes are for the better, and we hope that everyone who helped us to build the success story of the BJPT will continue contributing to the journal in this major step forward.