

JOTCI: continuous publication is now a reality

JOTCI: publicação contínua já é realidade

The *Journal of Transcatheter Interventions* (JOTCI), a continuation of the *Revista Brasileira de Cardiologia Invasiva*, has gone through several changes this year, and we hope they will please readers and authors. These modifications demanded time and untiring endeavor of a group of dedicated professionals, including our Managing Editor and expert Edna Rother; our Editorial Secretary, Viviane Zeppelini; the digital design company Cabo Verde; and the diagramming company Rudolf Serviços Gráficos, aiming to adjust our publication to the most current trends of the international scientific journals.

The most relevant change relates to publishing the content at the website jotci.org. Now it is a continuous publication, i.e., the articles are published as soon as they are ready, after peer review, approval by the Editorial Board, grammar revision, translation, diagramming, and approval of the content in pdf format by the authors. The articles no longer wait until the issue is complete and concluded to be published, thus assuring more agility in providing information to the scientific community, making it readily available for reading and citation.

JOTCI is one of the first Brazilian medical journals to become a continuous publication. This innovation also brought other changes in its home page, including a more appealing layout for readers, with articles standing out in the upper part of the page, reporting the Citation Indices of the journal (Qualis, Scopus and SNIP), and a section indicating the most often accessed articles and their number of hits.

The page also includes the Editorial Policies and Instructions to Authors, which were updated and rewritten, in addition to an important checklist, which must be read before submitting manuscripts. The current platform to submit works is ScholarOne, adopted by several scientific journals, which provides mechanisms to make the work of authors and reviewers easier, and reduce the administrative load of editors. The layout of articles has been modernized, and now brings the item “How to cite this article”, which must be complied with to minimize citation errors. Moreover, it brings the Digital Object Identifier (DOI), a number that identifies a single digital document, and assures its localization in the internet.

To celebrate all these changes, we brought an editorial by Nathan Lo and Sunil Rao, from the Duke University Medical Center (Durham, USA), addressing the distal puncture of the left radial artery through the anatomical snuffbox. This is the topic of the original article by Andrade et al., from Santa Casa de Marília (Marília, SP), one of the pioneers and most consistent advocates of the radial technique in our country. The editorialists discuss the possible advantages of this approach, initiated in 2011 to open the occluded ipsilateral radial arteries, in a retrograde fashion. However, only recently, in 2017, it was presented as an alternative to diagnostic or therapeutic catheterization of coronary arteries.¹ They also pose questions that have not been answered yet and, with caution, recommend its use as an alternative to the conventional radial technique until some randomized studies, such as the TENDERA (Comparison between Traditional ENtry point and Distal puncturE of Radial Artery) clarify the benefits of this new technique.

Áurea J. Chaves
Editor-in-chief

Corresponding author:

Áurea J. Chaves
E-mail: aureajchaves@gmail.com

Received on:

Nov 20, 2018

Accepted on:

Nov 27, 2018



This content is licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International License.

REFERENCE

1. Kiemeneij F. Left distal transradial access in the anatomical snuffbox for coronary angiography (IdTRA) and interventions (IdTRI). *EuroIntervention*. 2017;13(7):851-7.