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A continuing search for a virtuous cycle

A busca contínua por um ciclo virtuoso

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The official notification of approval of the Journal of Transcatheter Interventions by the Latin American and Caribbean Health Sciences Literature (LILACS) was received with much enthusiasm. The journal has been published for 18 months in a new and contemporary online continuous format, was assessed together with 11 journals and only 3 were approved.

We initiated our activities as *Revista Brasileira de Cardiologia Invasiva*, in 1993. In its 17-year history, it is evident that the major challenge of the editorial board has been attracting original articles, which would nurse great ambitions, such as to be indexed in PubMed®/MEDLINE. Authors refuse submitting to journals that do not have an Impact Factor for they desire visibility of their research. The Impact Factor symbolizes prestige and relevance of a publication,¹⁻³ and is measured by the number of citations to published manuscripts in a journal. Therefore, we are at the mercy of a logistic chain that does not appreciate our plans of further standing out.

We must ask some questions: where would we want to be? Is it justifiable that, in 2020, the *Sociedade Brasileira de Hemodinâmica e Cardiologia Intervencionista* (SBHCI) pays for this effort? Do the professionals involved in percutaneous intervention for heart, peripheral or cerebrovascular diseases really desire a media where they can report their work, based on the precepts of best clinical practices? In case of affirmative answers for these questions, we definitely should gather ourselves to search a virtuous cycle, which will enable us to overcome stagnation and achieve everlasting results.

It demands hard work and engagement not only by the Editorial Board and Associate Editors, but also by all those in charge of training centers credentialed by the SBHCI, encouraging and identifying facilitators for whom expect to share their data with the scientific community. I issue a summons to unite for this noble cause.

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