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Fogarty technique in the left main coronary artery

Técnica de Fogarty em tronco da coronária esquerda

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Letter to the Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Transcatheter Interventions:

Dear Dr. Beraldo de Andrade,

Our case report on “Fogarty technique in the left main coronary artery” was recently published, in the Journal of Transcatheter Interventions.¹ Despite our careful but non-systematic review of the literature, we unfortunately failed to quote a very similar case by Heitor de Medeiros Filho and his team from the *Hospital Agamenon Magalhães*, Recife (PE), Brazil, presented during the Challenging Case Session, at Miami Beach Convention, in 2012, and entitled “Mechanical thrombectomy using Fogarty’s technique in acute myocardial infarction and cardiogenic shock”.²

In our text, we cited that, in 2016, Larralde et al. published a case of ST-elevation myocardial infarction successfully treated using Fogarty technique.³

It is noteworthy to mention that we only became aware of that previous presentation when the father of Dr. Felipe Araújo Campos, a current fellow in our Interventional Cardiology program, was shown that paper² by a cardiologist, in the city of Recife.

While we want to apologize to the brave pioneers of the procedural technique that we revisited in the Journal of Transcatheter Interventions, for the omission of acknowledging their contribution to such a dramatic context. It is perhaps educational and enlightening to humbly recall the proverbial wisdom from the biblical Ecclesiastes, which warns us there is “nothing new under the sun”.

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