

New submission system of Jornal Vascular Brasileiro

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As of October, 2012 the submission system of J Vasc Bras was replaced with the Scholar-One system from Thomson-Reuters Company, made available by Scielo, at no cost for our journal. We are gradually migrating from the former system ("Submission-Scielo") to this new one because the latter provides many more resources and has fewer problems. More than 5,000 journals worldwide and around 13 millions of users use this system. Authors and reviewers will notice the user-friendly operation and interactivity of the new system.

The Agreement between Thomson-Reuters company and Scielo will also allow for our archive of articles to be fully available as of 2013 on "Web of Science" indexer, which, along with Medline, is one of the most important indexers in the world. Thus, our articles will have a significant increase in international visibility, which should make it easier to cite articles and improve the impact factor of J Vasc Bras.

We recently took a 2-day course at Scielo to learn about the resources and potentialities of the new system. Besides appropriately managing the flow of articles, the system allows to automatically obtain statistics on the number of submissions, origin of articles and their quality. The system also makes it possible to increase the communication between author, reviewer and editor and to obtain important managerial information about the reviewers at real time, such as their availability, withdrawals, response time, delays, and quality of evaluation. The system also provides statistical reports on the production of articles from authors and reviewers. I have emphasized that the reviewers of our journal should give the example and publish articles in J Vasc Bras on a regular basis. We should use these tools throughout the year 2013 to re-evaluate our editorial staff, which needs all reviewers, with no exception, to be committed to our journal. We also have a large group of Ad-Hoc reviewers, who are competent, available and reliable and look for an opportunity to be part of the editorial staff.

Throughout 2013, we will be able to submit a new protocol requesting the indexation of J Vasc Bras in Medline and ISI. In order to this enterprise to be succeeded, it is essential to have a great collective effort from authors and reviewers to increase publications this year, so that we have at least one future issue ready beforehand. The Revista do Colégio Brasileiro de Cirurgiões made a similar pact for its indexation, had the massive contribution of fellows, and this effort resulted in its recent successful indexation in Medline.

I ask again for everybody to increase their submissions of articles to J Vasc Bras so that we can request our indexation in Medline and ISI. If fellows from our SBACV (Brazilian Society of Angiology and Vascular Surgery) do not commit to this pact and this goal for our journal, it is not worth submitting a new protocol for inclusion in Medline.

Another very important aspect, to which we called the attention in the last issue¹, was the need of citing articles from our journal, whether in publications from the journal itself or in other journals. These citations are the basis for calculating the impact factor (number of citations/number of articles), which is an index used to evaluate the importance of the journal. In the Qualis system of Capes, our current classification is B3, and we can become B2 if we have $IF > 0.90$ (i.e., almost one citation per each published article). Thus, it is imperative that all authors cite articles related to J Vasc Bras in their respective articles, published in any national or international journal, in order to increase our impact factor. This citation is prerogative of the author and an important instrument to value our journal.

I rely on the support of everybody in this enterprise. Without this commitment to the journal, the efforts and investments made so far will be in vain.

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