

# Condemnation to plagiarism

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One of the biggest spots of science communication is plagiarism. This despicable practice, although it is practiced by a small percentage of scientists has created many hitches and put under suspicion the serious studies of those engaged in science as a form of knowledge to improve the condition of life on our planet.

Plagiarism was one of the dominant themes of the XXI Scientific Publishing Course of the Brazilian Association of Medical Editors (ABEC), held 15-17 May in São José dos Campos, SP, in which the Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery (BJCVS) was represented by its Executive Editor, Ricardo Brandau.

In his presentation, Marcelo Krokosz, Professor of Scientific Methodology at Fundação Escola de Comércio Álvares Penteado (FECAP) and experts in the field, drew a picture on ethics in science and consequences of plagiarism, as the growing number of articles portrayed. He showed a study published in 2011 in *Nature*, revealing that the number of retractions has risen 10 times in the previous decade, while in the same period the number of articles published has increased by only 44% in journals indexed in PubMed and Web of Science (<http://www.nature.com/news/2011/111005/full/478026a/box/2.html>)<sup>[1]</sup>.

Krokosz and other speakers emphasized the need for scientific publications to be vigilant in curbing the practice, which involves not only plagiarism, but also the self-plagiarism, an issue ignored by many. Among the suggestions are carefully reading of submitted manuscripts by the Editors and Reviewers, and explicit instructions in Guidelines for Authors and use of plagiarism detection software.

BJCVS always vehemently repudiated plagiarism and already uses detection software (eTBLAST<sup>®</sup>) and will leave clear its position in Instructions to Authors. Also, the Journal will include in the submission process of manuscripts a letter that must be signed by the authors, warning of the risks and consequences of plagiarism and self-plagiarism.

I ask the Editorial Board of BJCVS to remain vigilant in order to avoid that our journal suffers with this problem.

Another point I wish to emphasize is the adoption of CrossRef by BJCVS. The CrossRef is an association of publishers that aims to make the most effective scientific communication. With just a click on a reference duly identified by the DOI in a publication, the researcher has access to the

cited article. The citation network currently covers more than 67 million journal articles, in addition to book chapters, data, theses and technical reports<sup>[2]</sup>.

This is a very valuable tool for authors and publishers, which will be paid with funds from the Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery.

A major achievement implanted in our journal was to make it available as APP (application), both for iOS (iPhone, iPad) and Android system (Samsung, Motorola, Sony, and others).

Thus, once downloaded the app, the reader can simply access it to find BJCVS articles. The application is available for download on the App Store for iOS, or GOOGLE PLAY for Android.

### **DOI articles in “ahead of print”**

Fortunately, the flow of manuscripts has grown, which proves that BJCVS has increasing relevance in the Brazilian and international scene. However, this causes an undesirable effect in some cases, which is the delay between the approval of a study and its publication. Many authors need to prove with certain urgency with the publication for the purposes of Masters, Doctoral or contests and promotions, in addition, the number of publications per author is critical for Advisors in “*stricto sensu*” Graduate Courses, because it is a factor very important in the classification of courses along the Capes. In this context, in order to minimize the consequences of this gap, after much work, the DOI (Digital Object Identifier) will be assigned for the articles already approved, but still in the area “Published Ahead of Print”, preserving the identity and the precedence of the study officially.

Thus, the study can be cited and through consultation to DOI, it can be read even before its publication in the journal. The delay, on average, between the availability of the Ahead of Print article on site ([www.rbccv.org.br/-publication](http://www.rbccv.org.br/-publication)) and the DOI assignment is only two days.

### **Superscript references**

In terms of the new XML markup of the journal, references should be identified in superscript and no more brackets. I call the attention of authors and reviewers for this change. It is very important that all are aware of the changes and follow the Standards of Vancouver. Questions can be answered in

the links or <http://www.rbccv.org.br/page/6> or [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform\\_requirements.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform_requirements.html) or also by direct consultation with our team.

#### 41<sup>st</sup> Congress of BSCVS

The 41<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Brazilian Society of Cardiovascular Surgery, held 3-5 April in Porto de Galinhas, PE, was once again a great success, presenting the latest trends in the area and promoting harmonization among cardiac surgeons, as well as other health professionals such as nurses, physical therapists, perfusionists, residents and students.

The awarded studies in the area of Cardiovascular Surgery, were as follows: Free Themes - 1<sup>st</sup> place: “*Mechanical circulatory assistance in critically ill patients with left ventricular dysfunction: experience from a tertiary center*”, by Dr. Fabio Biscegli Jatene (SP) and colleagues; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: “*Attenuation of ischemic spinal cord injury by intrathecal injection of stem cells from human umbilical cord in mice*”, by Dr. Gustavo Ieno Judas (SP) and colleagues; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: “*Initial results after conventional aortic valve replacement in 906 patients over 70 years old - Brazilian Aortic Valve Replacement Study (BRAVARS)*”, by Dr. Rui M. S. Almeida (PR) and colleagues.

Posters - 1<sup>st</sup> place - “*Left internal thoracic artery to the anterior interventricular: comparative study between single or sequential anastomoses by measuring flow by transit time*”, by Dr. Rodrigo Milani (PR) and colleagues; 2<sup>nd</sup> place: “*The use of mechanical circulatory support of short duration increases the survival of pediatric patients queued for heart transplantation*”, by Dr. Luiz Fernando Caneo (SP) and colleagues; 3<sup>rd</sup> place: “*Impact of the use of polyglactin yarn impregnated with triclosan in preventing saphenectomy wound infection in coronary artery bypass grafting: a prospective, double-blind, randomized clinical trial*”, by Dr. Paulo Samuel Santos Filho (RJ) and colleagues.

The BSCVS Professional of the Year award was delivered, with much justice, to Full Prof. Dr. Walter José Gomes, former President of our Society, for his tireless efforts and concern for increasingly improving scientific knowledge of Brazilian cardiovascular surgeons, as well as promoting greater integration between BSCVS and its international counterparts.

During the Congress, we held a fruitful meeting of the Editorial Board of BJCVS. I appreciate the attendance and input from all present (Figure 1), which will certainly give more dynamism to our publication.

#### CME

Items available for testing by the Continuing Medical Education (CME) system are: “*Impact of type of procedure and surgeon on EuroSCORE operative risk validation*”, p. 131; “*Predictors of stroke in patients undergoing cardiac surgery*”, p. 140; “*Analysis of transit time flow of the right*



Fig.e 1 - Participants of the meeting of the Editorial Board of the Brazilian Journal of Cardiovascular Surgery at the 41<sup>st</sup> Congress of the BSCVS in Porto de Galinhas, PE. Standing, from left to right: Dr. Mauro Paes Leme de Sá, Dr. Manuel Antunes, Dr. Renato Assad, Dr. Paulo Manoel Pêgo-Fernandes, Dr. Walter Gomes, Dr. Luciano Albuquerque and Dr. Ricardo Lima. Seated, from right to left: Ricardo Brandau, Dr. Domingo Braile, Dr. Paulo Brofman and Dr. Otoni Moreira Gomes

*internal thoracic artery anastomosed to the left anterior descending artery compared to the left internal thoracic artery*”, p. 148, and “*Comparative assessment of the patency of the internal thoracic artery in the revascularization to left anterior descending artery: coronary CT angiography evaluation 6 months postoperatively*”, p. 192.

I emphasize the importance of this form of learning and encourage them to do the tests and give us feedback, so that we can improve them to meet the expectations.

My warmest regards

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