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## **Editorial**

The Brazilian Journal of Anesthesiology (RBA, from the Portuguese) celebrates its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Sixty years during which it has been disseminating what has been, and continues to be, produced in Anesthesiology and related fields, as a component of the effort of the Brazilian Society of Anesthesiology (SBA, from the Portuguese) to guarantee the educational and teaching project of forming Brazilian anesthesiologists. Looking at the path of RBA during those years, one can see a constant aim at improving and making our journal to meet ongoing changes and requirements, such as the format, layout, editorial policies, and whatever was necessary to keep the journal on the same level of similar publications. The role of the editors and the unconditional support of the different board of directors of SBA have been fundamental for those changes. Recently, as a result of our fight for many years, our journal achieved indexation in the Medline, the most important in the medical area, a standard for the main scientific journals published in the world. Being part of this index represents an unquestionable improvement in quality and recognition by the scientific community. Several colleagues were involved in this effort, such as Professor Judymara L. Gozzani, MD, Dr. Luiz M. Cangiani, and Professor Gastão F. Duval, MD, editors and coeditor, respectively, as well as those who served in the boards of SBA over past years. Indexation opens the road to the visibility of what is produced in the centers of Anesthesiology research in our country and our authors.

This path cannot be interrupted. An important project is under way to get RBA further on the road of recognition:

indexation in Science Direct. Science Direct is the global electronic archive of Elsevier, publishers of RBA. It contains more than 25% of the information produced in the scientific, technological, and medical field worldwide, in which the full text and bibliography are available. To have an idea of what it means, once the RBA is included in this index, Anesthesiology, the most important journal dedicated to this area and the one that causes most impact, will be on the same page as RBA, as well as important medical vehicles, such as The Lancet, and many others dedicated to Anesthesiology. The Brazilian Journal of Anesthesiology will be the first Brazilian scientific journal to be included in this index, making its contents available. Benefits of indexation include the dissemination of the RBA throughout the world, global visibility and reach, probability of higher impact factor, international recognition of the journal and its authors, and the possibility that libraries, hospitals, and universities will subscribe the journal, which will represent a return of the investments. At the same time, the steps for ISI (Institute for Scientific Information) indexation, an independent index that generates impact for the publication, are under way. The impact factor is related to the number of times a publication is mentioned by other authors/publications. The impact factor is directly related to the reputation and respect of a publication; higher impact corresponds to higher reputation.

We hope those news will be well received by our readers, researchers, collaborators, and partners. We hope that those developments will stimulate more original studies, clinical or laboratorial. And we hope that RBA continues to be a source of continuing education and reference for all our associates. And may RBA celebrate 60 more years.

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