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Dear colleagues,

After two years as the editor-in-chief of *Revista ABC – Imagem Cardiovascular*, I take the liberty to use this space to make a retrospective of the transformations promoted in the journal during this period, and to say thank you to everyone.

As a cardiovascular imaging journal, we should bear in mind that *Revista ABC – Imagem Cardiovascular* is unique. Structurally speaking, we have joined the *Arquivos Brasileiros de Cardiologia*, sharing the support given by the Brazilian Society of Cardiology (BSC), which provides to the associated journals easy online submission and revision of the manuscripts and translation to Spanish and English. The journal is freely accessible on the Internet and can be read immediately after its publication at no cost.

At the same time, we have expanded its contents by including manuscripts from different areas related to cardiovascular imaging with the precious help of our area editors Dr. Viviane Tiemi Hotta (Acquired Echocardiography), Dr. Cláudio Tinoco Mesquita (Nuclear Medicine), Dr. Alessandro Lianza (Congenital Echocardiography), Dr. Afonso Akio Shiosaki

(Computed Tomography), Dr. Leonardo Sara (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and Dra. Simone Santos (Vascular), to whom I am deeply thankful. The main objective of our team was to focus on the quality of the manuscripts and invest in quantity, which is of the essence if we wish to index our journal in the future. To encourage the submission of manuscripts, we have created new awards for those approved for publication, while maintaining the incentives that have been in place. I would also like to say special thanks to our reviewers, for taking their time and for having made unconditional effort to review the manuscripts, helping to improve the quality of the manuscripts by adding important insights. Without this invaluable help, we would not be able to raise the quality level of the manuscripts published.

I am also deeply thankful to the BSC support staff, especially Karen, our secretary, who has patiently helped us, over these two years, by precisely instructing people about our procedures.

Finally, we are all thankful to all of the authors who have chosen *Revista ABC – Imagem Cardiovascular* as a tool to share their studies, information and research with our community, whether in the form of original manuscripts, images, reviews, or as interesting cases. We hope this experience will be an incentive for future scientific contributions and an encouragement for other colleagues to use this tool.

From now on, I pass on this responsibility, for the next two years, to Dr. Jose Maria Del Castilho, a role model in the field of Echocardiography, with a vast academic experience, knowing that *Revista ABC – Imagem Cardiovascular*, under his guidance, will keep treading a continuous development path.

Sincerely.

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