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An uncertain science or lack of knowledge

Scienza incerta o ignoranza della scienza

Learning from masters is always a good thing; so I did reading a very smart editorial published on International Endodontic Journal, August 2013¹ by Gunnar Bergenholtz & Thomas Kvist. A "summa" of all the needs that the endodontic discipline should have in order to improve its future outcomes.

In summary, diagnostic procedures both for the pulpal status assessment and periapical inflammatory lesions are still uncertain, instrumentation techniques, irrigations and filling materials have too many variables and most of them lack of precision.

In addition, whether going through most of the decision-making processes, we could find a broad spectrum of conflicting answers and clinical behaviours.

In a few words a scientific field that is only apparently highly developed.

This might be in contrast with some papers made on longitudinal studies reporting a satisfactory outcome in more than 95% of the treated cases.

A question should be raised: are we much ignorant about this contemporary endodontics rather than outlining the lacks of the actual knowledge in endodontics?

The answer could be a possible guideline for further future improvements.

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