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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Response to the letter by A.A. Ferreira Neto



The authors not only are familiar with the origin of the centering osteotomy, as they have contributed to the development and dissemination of the technique.

As head of the Shoulder and Elbow Group of Orthopaedics and Traumatology Institute, University of São Paulo, Brazil, from 1995 to 2005, Dr. A. Zoppi Filho, along with the other authors, former residents of the said group participated actively in the treatment of patients whose good results are the correspondent references in the letter.

The first publication of the technique occurred only in 2004 and in a periodic of restricted circulation [1]. Nevertheless, by recognizing the importance of the same, we made sure to quote it in our work, including it in the references [2]. This precaution was not taken by the correspondent in the work published in 2011 [3], which not only was quoted by us for not having been located in our literature research, since the same is not indexed in MEDLINE's database.

The careful reading of our work shows that the authors do not want to take ownership of the authorship of the technique. They merely pursue to disclose in a quality publication, internationally indexed, a surgery that will solve the problem of countless patients. This indeed is our goal.

We describe the technique referred to as new, not original, as it was erroneously interpreted by the correspondent. It is also observed such misinterpretation with reading of the work of 2011, where the authors describe in the abstract that it is an original technique, when we already know that it is not, since it has been described in 2004.

As well as we quote the 2004 work, a sign of respect and fairness, both scientific and intellectual, we expect that the correspondent and their group also do not forget to quote in their future publications, our work.

Finally, we believe that the tripod of the ideal orthopedic treatment for posterior dislocation of the shoulder in the

obstetric palsy is done with Sever procedure of 1927 [4], L'Episcopo surgery of 1934 [5] and the centering osteotomy of 2004 [1], arguably, are a new technique.

### Disclosure of interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest concerning this article.

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