Letter to the Editor Carta ao Editor

Erika Alexandre Simone dos Santos Barreto Karin Zazo Ortiz Dear editors,

We, the authors of the article called "Predictability of sentences used in the assessment of speech intelligibility in dysarthria"(1), state that the sentences that compose the Intelligibility of Speech Assessment Protocol (PAIF) were taken from the only list we are familiar with which contains phonetically balanced words, published by Costa, Iorio and Mangabeira-Albernaz at Acta Awho in 1997(2). This reference is not mentioned in the text of this article because, in this case, we analyzed if the sentences in the PAIF were predictive or not, and we ended up mentioning only the PAIF, whose elaboration had been described in the previous article: "Inteligibilidade: efeitos da análise de transcrição e do estímulo de fala"(3) and at this point we had already mentioned the authorship of the sentences that were used in the protocol properly. The non-confirmation, in the second article, of the authors of the sentences led to the impression that it was an original list, proposed by us, which is not true. We would like to clarify this matter and make it public, so that, in posterior citations, future researchers may return to the original list. Another relevant issue is that our study analyzes if the sentences published by Costa, Iorio and Mangabeira-Albernaz⁽²⁾ can be used or not, in a modified manner (with the exclusion of one item per sentence) for the evaluation of dysarthric patients.

> Sincerely, Erika Alexandre Simone dos Santos Barreto Karin Zazo Ortiz

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