

To members of the Journal of Voice Editorial Board

At the Symposium last month we had a discussion about the fact that the literature reviews in articles submitted to the journal are all too often inadequate in that they fail to include materials more than just a few years old and they commonly ignore literature not in English. We were asked to draft a letter to the editor highlighting this inadequacy and urging our colleagues to do a better job in their reporting. A copy of the letter that we've prepared is attached.

We are hoping that (in the ideal case) all members of the editorial board will want to sign this letter, thus subtly putting authors on notice that the adequacy of their submission in this regard will be considered by any and all reviewers, not just by two "old goats" (Ingo's characterization) who wrote a letter. No doubt there are imperfections in this draft, but we are NOT asking for suggested revisions. (Something about a horse designed by a committee pops to mind.) *It will be submitted as you see it.* If you are willing to join with us in this message, please let us know (rbaken@hvc.rr.com) **no later than Monday, 11 July.**

A unanimous message from the editorial board would be a very good thing. We hope that you'll join us

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