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The American Journal of Psychiatry Once Again Sees Boost in Impact Factor to 12.759, Remains Tops in Total Citations

ARLINGTON, Va. (June 28, 2011) – *The American Journal of Psychiatry* has an impact factor of 12.759, a rise from last year's 12.522 and 2-point rise from the previous year's 10.545, according to the recently released Journal Citation Reports for 2010, published by Thomson Reuters. *AJP*, a publication of the American Psychiatric Association, ranks second among 126 journals in psychiatry.

The impact factor has become the proxy determination of the relative worth of the research a journal publishes. It is a citation-to-article ratio, with the numerator representing the total number of citations to articles published in a two-year period, and the denominator being the total number of articles published in that two-year period.

Molecular Psychiatry ranks first with an impact factor exceeding 15. The *Archives of General Psychiatry* ranks third. No other psychiatric journal has an impact factor exceeding 10; the overwhelming majority (94.4%) of publications in the field of psychiatry have impact factors of 4 or less.

Of the more than 8,000 scientific, technical and medical journals indexed by Thomson Reuters, *AJP*'s latest impact factor places it in the top 100 at number 92.

The American Journal of Psychiatry also has the #2 ranking in immediacy index, the average number of times an article is cited in the year it is published. The index is an indicator of journals publishing in emerging areas of research.

And, as it has for many years, *AJP* remains far and away the leader among psychiatric publications in total citations. Its 42,133 citations was about 7,600 citations above the next publication.

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