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***The American Journal of Psychiatry* sees Boost in Impact Factor and Regains Top Rank in Immediacy Index**

ARLINGTON, Va. (June 30, 2010) – *The American Journal of Psychiatry* has an impact factor of 12.522, a nearly two-point rise from last year's 10.545, according to the recently released Journal Citation Reports for 2009, published by Thomson Reuters. *AJP*, a publication of the American Psychiatric Association, now ranks second among 117 journals in psychiatry, up from third last year.

The impact factor 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. The impact factor has become the proxy determination of the relative worth of the research a journal publishes.

Molecular Psychiatry ranks first with an impact factor exceeding 15. *AJP*'s contemporary publication, the *Archives of General Psychiatry*, ranks third. No other psychiatric journal has an impact factor exceeding 10; the overwhelming majority of publications in the field of psychiatry have impact factors of 4 or less.

Of the more than 7,000 scientific, technical and medical journals indexed by Thomson Reuters, *AJP*'s latest impact factor places it in the top 100 at number 89.

The American Journal of Psychiatry has also regained the top ranking 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 42,193 citations to articles published in 2007 and 2008 was about 8,200 citations above the next publication.

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