EDITORIAL

Recognizing the Top 25 Peer Reviewers for the Journal of Virology

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The performance of the Journal of Virology (JVI) during the past year (1 July 2012 to 30 June 2013) has been excellent. JVI had an Impact Factor of 5.076 for 2012, which puts the journal in sixth place among virology journals by Impact Factor. Even better, Journal of Virology was the no. 1 cited journal in Virology and by Eigenfactor score, JVI is the top-ranked virology journal, with 93,028 citations during 2012. In all, 1,383 manuscripts were published in JVI in 2012. These standings are made possible by authors who want to publish their best work in the premier virology journal and by the editors and reviewers who have worked so hard to ensure that the review process is constructively critical, fair, and objective and that turnaround times are prompt. I would like to thank all of the JVI reviewers over the past year and to give special credit where credit is due. The publication of the very best science depends entirely upon expert reviewers being willing to devote their time and effort. Especially now, when new online journals are appearing with increasing frequency and we are all besieged with requests to review, we are grateful to the 2,745 reviewers who accepted the invitation to review for JVI during the past year. I would especially like to thank the following 25 reviewers, whose service to JVI during 2012 was exceptional in the total number of manuscripts reviewed, submitting reviews within 14 days or less and accepting the invitation to review more than 90% of the time.

Dan Barouch, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center
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Brett Lindenbach, Yale University
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Anice Lowen, Emory University School of Medicine
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