

# Report of the Editor

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## Statistics

Manuscripts submitted in 2004: 450 (compared with 447 in 2003).

Acceptance rate:	41.2%
Rejection rate:	51.9%

Note: numbers do not add up to 100% because there are always some manuscripts under review and revision.

Average time from receipt of manuscript to mailing of initial decision: 7.5 weeks (includes time waiting for authors to send missing items, e.g., copyright statement).

Manuscripts received listing a corresponding author with a non-U.S. address:

2004:	41.1%	2002:	35.9%
2003:	34.7%	2001:	38.7%

Manuscripts in press or published listing a corresponding author with a non-U.S. address:

2004:	18.7%
2003:	9.3%

## Web-Based Submission and Review

On October 1, the *Journal* switched from paper-based to web-based submission and review. The online manuscript processing system, called Editorial Manager (EM), is provided by our publisher, Lippincott, Williams & Wilkins. It is easily accessible at <http://jaacap.edmgr.com> or from the *Journal* website, [www.jaacap.com](http://www.jaacap.com). We are enthusiastic about the change, and believe that the increased accessibility, ease of use, rapid transmission, and even faster receipt of information about editorial actions will make this a welcome change for our authors and reviewers. Please see the websites for more information.

## Updated Classifications

We have made major revisions to our lists of topics of reviewer interest and expertise or classifications (formerly called keywords) to better reflect advances and changes in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry as well as in statistics, methodology, and research design. The lists are used to match reviewers with manuscripts. With EM, our new web-based submission and review system, reviewers

can update their classification selections at any time by logging into the site: <http://jaacap.edmgr.com>.

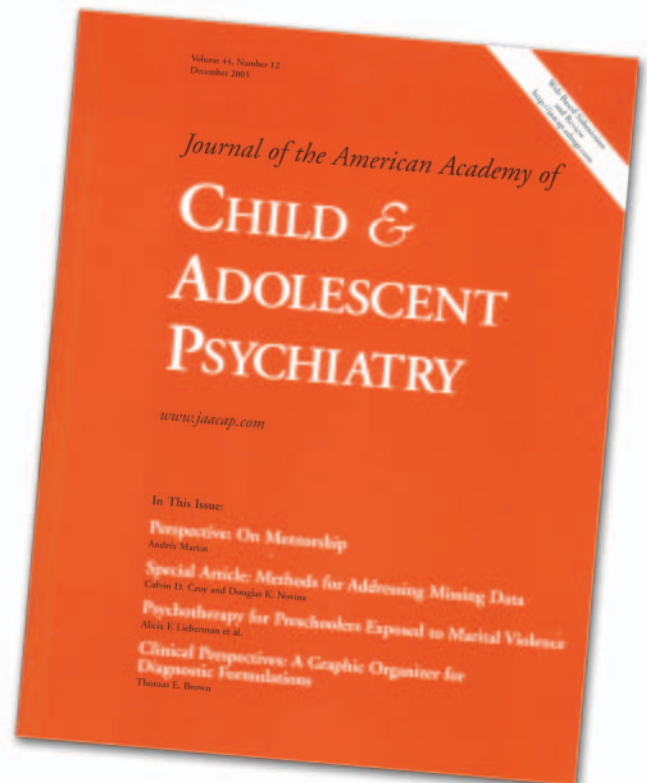
## Extension of Assistant Editor Andrés Martin, M.D.'s Appointment

Council extended **Andrés Martin, M.D.'s** term as Assistant Editor handling book reviews through December 2007. His term originally extended through December 2006. We greatly appreciate Dr. Martin's tireless and high quality work as Assistant Editor and his willingness to continue in this capacity.

## Editorial Board

**Kathleen Myers, M.D., Daniel Pine, M.D., Christopher Thomas, M.D., and Bonnie Zima, M.D.** were appointed to the Editorial Board by Council for their first three-year terms beginning January 1, 2006. **Joan Gerring, M.D., Wun Yung Kim, M.D., and Paula Riggs, M.D.,** were reappointed to the Editorial Board by Council for their final three-year terms beginning January 1, 2006.

**Peter Ash, M.D., Charles Casat, M.D., Robert Findling, M.D., and Richard Mattison, M.D.,** completed their second three-year terms on December 31, 2005. We thank Drs. Ash, Casat, Findling, and Mattison for the contributions that they have made over the past six years.



## Financial and Conflict of Interest Disclosure

Articles in the *Journal* are now published with disclosures of all financial relationships for all authors. This includes activities related or unrelated to the article. For each article, we require a signed document from each author stating that his/her financial relationships are fully disclosed. Financial relationships include industry research funding, consulting relationships, and speakers' bureaus, as well as financial benefit from instruments, technology, or treatments. This information appears in a section titled "Disclosure" following the article text. Since January 2005, all articles, letters to the editor, and book reviews for which any or all of the authors have no such relationships to disclose are followed by a statement reflecting that. Support for the research upon which an article is based continues to be documented in the footnote on the title page of each article. Publishing this information and requiring signed documentation from each author ensure that we keep pace with current medical publishing trends and that our practices are in line with leading journals such as *JAMA*.

## Publish on the Web Before Print

We continue to publish selected articles online before they are available in print. They are accessible by following a link on the *Journal's* home page ([www.jaacap.com](http://www.jaacap.com)) called "Online Advance Publication." Recent additions include "Suicidality Following Black Box Warning" a Letter to the Editor by Dwight V. Wolf, M.D., reviews of the book "Let Them Eat Prozac" by Schuyler W. Henderson, M.D., and **John March, M.D., M.P.H.**, and "Treatment Guidelines for Children and Adolescents With Bipolar Disorder" by The Child Psychiatric Workgroup on Bipolar Disorder et al.

## Psychopharmacology Perspectives

Psychopharmacology Perspectives, coordinated and edited by **Chris Kratochvil, M.D.**, debuted in the February 2005 issue and appears quarterly throughout 2005. Each column consists of a description of a complex psychopharmacological question followed by comments from three experts. Dr. Kratochvil was appointed Assistant Editor by Council to formalize his role with this feature. Beginning in January 2006, the feature will appear six times each year, in alternating issues.



Norae is the daughter of Frances Woodard, AACAP's Director of Human Resources and Operations.

## Evidence-Based Practice Series

The Evidence-Based Practice Series, coordinated and edited by **John Hamilton, M.D.**, debuted in the May 2005 issue. Dr. Hamilton was appointed Assistant Editor by Council to formalize his role with this series.

## Science Citation Index Ranking

The most recent Science Citation Index (2004) *Journal* impact factor is 3.529. We rank second in pediatrics and first in child mental health. *The Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychopharmacology* has an impact factor of 2.511.

### Science Citation Index Ranking for the *Journal*: 2000-2004

	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
IMPACT FACTOR	3.529	3.779	3.662	3.608	3.175

PEDIATRICS (Total journals ranked)	2 (70)	2 (68)	1 (68)	2 (69)	3 (71)
PSYCHIATRY (Total journals ranked)	15 (90)	6 (87)	10 (88)	11 (81)	13 (82)
PSYCHOLOGY* (Total journals ranked)	7 (60)	5 (60)	5 (61)	5 (58)	6 (56)

\*The *JOURNAL* is not ranked in psychology. Numbers show where it would appear in the ranking.

## Ten-Year Review Articles

We continue to develop the schedule of these ten-year research update reviews. **Eugene Beresin, M.D.**, serves as Assistant Editor responsible for this feature. In this role, he identifies topics to be covered in conjunction with AACAP components, recruits authors, and works with them to develop their papers. Suggestions for topics and authors may be given to Dr. Beresin. A link to all published ten-year reviews appears on the left side of the *Journal's* website ([www.jaacap.com](http://www.jaacap.com)).

## Conclusion

Your Editor is deeply indebted to the Editorial Board, the Associate, Deputy, and Assistant Editors, and the large panel of AACAP members who serve as reviewers for the *Journal*. Along with our authors, they are responsible for this journal's high standing in the field. I am grateful for the support of our officers, Council, Assembly, members, and the Executive Director. Children's Memorial Hospital provides outstanding encouragement and material support to the Editor and the Editorial Office.