

News

Trend of Most Cited Papers (2001–2002) in *ARS*

AMONG THE MANY PARAMETERS that could define the quality of a journal, the frequency of citation of journal articles in the indexed literature is one measure that is widely recognized. As a new journal, *ARS* does not yet have an impact factor (as measured by Thomson ISI, Philadelphia, PA) but expects to have its first in 2004. The trend shows definite signs of a strong start. There seems to be a direct relationship between the perceived quality of a journal and the average quality of papers submitted to it. As such, submission of quality papers to a new journal without an impact factor reflects immense trust of the authors on the potential of the journal. As of August 1, 2003, *ARS* is pleased to recognize that the following papers have received above-average citation scores compared to all papers published in *ARS* during 2001 and 2002:

Most cited articles (top ~15%): 1, 5, 6, 8, 10–15, 17–19, 24, 29, 35–37, 40, 41, 43–46, 54, 57, 58, 61, 67, 68, 70, 71.

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