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**ACMG's *Genetics in Medicine* Journal Receives Record High Impact Factor
of 7.710 for 2015: *GIM* Now in Top 3% of All Indexed Journals**

BETHESDA, MD – June 16, 2016 | The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) announced that the Thomson Reuters Impact Factor Journal Citation Reports has just increased the impact factor of the ACMG's peer-reviewed medical genetics and genomics journal, *Genetics in Medicine (GIM)* to 7.710 for 2015, up from 7.329 in 2014. *GIM* is currently ranked 13 of 165 titles in the Genetics & Heredity category and at the top of genetic journals that have a primarily clinical focus. The Impact Factor is an objective measure of the world's leading journals, based on articles' cited references and is oft considered a measure of a journal's overall successful performance and relevance to its field.

"We're delighted that our impact factor has continued to climb, placing *Genetics in Medicine* in the top 3% of all indexed journals. This increase is a testament to the vibrancy of our field as a whole, the increasing importance of genetics to medical practitioners of every specialty and a testament to the excellent research being pursued in clinical genetics and genomics," said *GIM*'s Editor-in-Chief Jim Evans, MD, PhD, FACMG. Evans added that with the continued increase in *GIM*'s prominence, the task of selecting which submitted manuscripts to publish becomes ever more difficult, stating that "GIM's success is due to a strong editorial team and the work of countless reviewers who help us select the very best manuscripts to publish."

"I would also like to emphasize that the continued rise of *GIM*'s impact is a reflection of the importance of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics' to the broader medical community," added Evans.

Gerald Feldman, MD, PhD, FACMG and president of the ACMG said, "Congratulations to Dr. Jim Evans and the entire editorial team at *Genetics in Medicine*. The rise reflects not only the critical role of medical genetics and genomics in the practice of medicine, but also the excellent science being performed by the authors, many of whom are members of the ACMG. In addition, *Genetics in Medicine* publishes the official policy statements and clinical and laboratory guidelines from ACMG, and these important and widely-cited documents contribute to the rise of the impact factor."



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The journal, published since 1998, is supported by an expert Board of Editors representing all facets of genetic and genomic medicine, including such specialties as biochemical genetics, cytogenetics and pharmacogenetics.

About the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) and ACMG Foundation

Founded in 1991, ACMG is the only nationally recognized medical society dedicated to improving health through the clinical practice of medical genetics and genomics. The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (www.acmg.net) provides education, resources and a voice for 2000 biochemical, clinical, cytogenetic, medical and molecular geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals, nearly 80% of whom are board certified in the medical genetics specialties. The College's mission is to develop and sustain genetic initiatives in clinical and laboratory practice, education and advocacy. Three guiding pillars underpin ACMG's work: 1) Clinical and Laboratory Practice: Establish the paradigm of genomic medicine by issuing statements and evidence-based or expert clinical and laboratory practice guidelines and through descriptions of best practices for the delivery of genomic medicine. 2) Education: Provide education and tools for medical geneticists, other health professionals and the public and grow the genetics workforce. 3) Advocacy: Work with policymakers and payers to support the responsible application of genomics in medical practice. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG's website (www.acmg.net) offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Find a Geneticist tool. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals through the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine (www.acmgfoundation.org).