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2011 Impact Factors Announced for SLAS Journals

CHICAGO – July 9, 2012 – The Society of Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS) announced today that 2011 impact factors have been published for its two official scientific journals -- the *Journal of Biomolecular Screening* (JBS) and the *Journal of Laboratory Automation* (JALA).

Impact factors are calculated annually and published in *Journal Citation Reports* by Thomson Reuters. An impact factor is regarded as a standardized quantitative measure of the relative quality and success of a journal, the research papers it publishes and the authors who write the papers. Impact factors are determined by dividing the number of current citations a journal receives to articles published in the two previous years by the number of articles published in those same years. Citation data is drawn from more than 9,100 journals from more than 2,200 publishers in approximately 230 disciplines from 78 countries.

Journal of Biomolecular Screening (JBS)

Impact Factor: 2.049

- In relative terms, this score results in JBS ranking 32 out of 73 in the Chemistry, Analytical category; 79 out of 157 in the Biotechnology & Applied Microbiology category; and 45 out of 72 in the Biochemical Research Methods category.
- JBS Editor-in-Chief is Robert M. Campbell, Ph.D., of Eli Lilly & Company, Indianapolis, IN.

Journal of Laboratory Automation (JALA)

Impact Factor (this is JALA's first reported impact factor): 1.420

- In relative terms, this score results in JALA ranking 14 out of 32 in Medical Laboratory Technology category.
- JALA Editor-in-Chief is Dean Ho, Ph.D., of the University of California, Los Angeles.

"We are proud that our journals are performing so well," says SLAS CEO Greg Dummer. "Their success in the Journal Citation Reports is validation of their high quality. These ratings reinforce what our members consistently tell us – that both JALA and JBS are valuable and important to the laboratory science and technology community."

Now in their seventeenth years of peer-reviewed publication -- the *Journal of Biomolecular Screening* (JBS) is the leading journal for drug discovery sciences, regularly showcasing scientific and technical applications and advances in quantitative biomolecular sciences. JBS publishes ten issues each year. The *Journal of Laboratory Automation* (JALA) is a multi-disciplinary journal devoted to the advancement of technology in the laboratory, showcasing techniques and technologies used to increase productivity, elevate data quality, reduce lab process cycle times or enable experimentation that otherwise would be impossible. JALA publishes six issues each year. Both journals are published by SLAS in partnership with SAGE Publications. For more information about SLAS, JALA and JBS, please visit www.SLAS.org.

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