New Features for *The Journal of Neuroscience*

Enhanced Table of Contents

The object of *The Journal of Neuroscience* is to communicate scientific results to its readers. As *The Journal* continues to grow, its very size gets in the way of this function, and readers are faced with a longer and longer Table of Contents and more and more articles within.

To counter these pressures and to assist readers in accessing quickly and efficiently the information they need, *The Journal* is embarking on a program of enhancing the readability of each issue. The first step, beginning with the current issue, is to organize the Table of Contents under three sections: Cellular/Molecular, Developmental, and Behavioral/Systems. These are the same sections within which the articles have been reviewed.

Although this may seem like a very small step indeed (for *The Journal* and for mankind) and is already found in some other journals, it has been carefully considered for several years. This is because of our emphasis from the start on publishing multidisciplinary studies of broad interest within the entire field of neuroscience. As a result, many of our papers are difficult to characterize as belonging to only one section. For example, a paper on the development of dendrites in a type of interneuron in the visual cortex, using Ca imaging in a knock-out mouse, would fall into all three sections. Nonetheless, there is a consensus that a paper, as well as the laboratory that produces it, tends to have a primary focus within one of the sections. It is a great help to readers to be able to search for the paper or the laboratory first in the most likely section when they begin scanning the Table of Contents.

We invite readers to tell us the usefulness of this step and how we might modify or enhance it. In the future, we plan to build on this by providing orientations in each section to articles that are particularly timely or that relate to studies reported in other sections.

Multimedia elements

To take advantage of the additional capabilities offered by the electronic medium, *The Journal* would like to advise authors and readers that it accepts manuscript submissions that contain multimedia components, which include but are not limited to video clips, animations, electrophysiological recordings, and audio clips. To date two articles have appeared in *JN Online* with multimedia elements: L. E. White et al. [J Neurosci (1999) 19:7089–7099] and G. S. Berns et al. [J Neurosci (1999) 19:RC17].

New features for *JN Online*

We are pleased to announce two new features in *The Journal of Neuroscience Online*. Cross-journal searching allows users to search across all journals on the HighWire platform or search across a subset of the journals as defined by users. Users can also now see a list of articles related to the one they are viewing. The list will be compiled in descending order of relevance.

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