

author's PR efforts prove to be. If the paper is published in one of the journals covered by CC[®], it will be sooner. Then, somewhat later, it will be detected in the *SCI*.

My friend has risked serious publication delay by submitting his manuscript to a journal where competition for space is great and the likelihood of rejection therefore high. The author must carefully evaluate the chosen journal and seek outside views on the quality of his work if he is to avoid unnecessary delay and paper handling.

Recently I received a rejection of a paper I had presented last year.⁴ Now the paper will have to be modified. I will have to select a journal that will not only appreciate the content, but also the absurd and ironical fact that it will be, at this late date, the first paper ever published about *Current Contents*. If my main concern in writing the paper had been to have it cited by my peers, then selecting an information science journal would have been adequate. If I had been concerned about priority of discovery, then the wisest course would have been to publish in any journal with little or no publication time-lag. I've been reluctant, though often tempted, to use

these pages in *CC* for that purpose.

1. Garfield, E. Journal citation studies. III. *Journal of Experimental Medicine* compared with *Journal of Immunology*; or how much of a clinician is the immunologist? *Current Contents* No. 23, 7 June 1972, p. M1-4.
2. ----- . Citation analysis as a tool in journal evaluation. *Science* 178:471-79, 1972. *Journal of Experimental Medicine* ranked 36th in number of times cited in 1969 (15,484 citations), and 13th in impact (8.307) as measured by number of citations of 1967 and 1968 articles by articles published in 1969.
3. I, and others, frequently use this journal title in what may seem off-hand levity. This excellent journal does indeed exist. It is published quarterly by the Society for Basic Irreproducible Results (Box 234, Chicago Heights, Ill., 60411).
4. ----- . *A Weekly Subject Index for Current Contents/Life Sciences*. Paper presented at the 71st Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, San Diego, June 11-15, 1972.