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As *JACS Au* publishes its 10th issue of its inaugural year during International Open Access Week—October 25–31, 2021—we can reflect on the role of the journal in the broader open access (OA) publishing landscape.

The role of *JACS Au* within the ACS Publications Gold OA portfolio is to provide a highly selective venue that covers the full breadth of topics encompassed by the array of 75+ ACS journals. In further defining our targeted portion of this broad scope, we seek to publish manuscripts representing the top 5–10% of publications appearing in ACS specialty journals.¹ Building on three core elements of all ACS publications—speed, rigor, and impact—we have created a unique, high impact OA journal. Whereas the time from paper submission to publication on the web often stretches to 20–30 weeks in high impact OA journals at other publishers, *JACS Au* offers the characteristic speed and efficiency of ACS Publications.¹ The combination of rapid peer review and publication with OA ensures *JACS Au* authors benefit from maximum accessibility and availability.

As we seek to become a leading OA journal in the chemical sciences, we embrace this year's theme for Open Access Week: "It Matters How We Open Knowledge: Building Structural Equity". This theme articulates the importance of equity in pursuing a future for scholarship of all types that is open by default, including scientific publishing. OA publishing allows for equitable participation for all producers and consumers of knowledge and helps ensure equal access among researchers from developed and developing countries.

Because *JACS Au* is fully open access, our publications have complete availability to any person with Internet access. This manifests itself in numerous papers^{2–4} with outstanding access metrics, such as download numbers and/or altmetrics. Indeed, an assessment of article views for the first issue of 2021 for *JACS* and *JACS Au* yields comparable usage, signaling that *JACS Au* is building a strong presence within the global chemical community.⁵

We greatly appreciate the community's initial response to *JACS Au*. We have published work by authors from over 25 countries or regions and nearly all continents. Several authors have already published multiple papers in *JACS Au*. When will you give *JACS Au* a try as a publication venue? We look forward to serving the publication needs of first-time *JACS Au* authors, and we hope that will include you in the near future!

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