

Announcement

Preparation of Figures

A few guidelines are presented which may be of assistance to authors. Detailed suggestions are to be found in 'Information for Contributors' (Biochim. Biophys. Acta 715 (1982) 1–23, also available as a booklet, free of charge, from the BBA Editorial Secretariat, P.O. Box 1345, 1000 BH Amsterdam, The Netherlands).

□ Note that figures are almost always reduced to fit within the breadth of one column (8.4 cm). You should arrange for letters and symbols to be at least 1.5 mm high *after* reduction. Bear in mind the balance with the rest of the printed journal page – that the figure is not too light or heavy in contrast. Thick lines and small letters or symbols are the most common problems.

□ Electron micrographs should always carry a bar denoting unit length, defined in the figure legend. A minimum essential area of the micrograph should be indicated to aid in reproduction.

□ For second and subsequent copies of the article, good copies of the original figures are acceptable, but all photographs (gels, electron micrographs, etc.) should be submitted in quadruplicate.

□ Use tracing or good quality drawing paper no larger than the paper on which the article is typed. Please do not use heavy cardboard as a mount for photographs. Use black, waterproof ink, or submit sharp, high-contrast, glossy prints. Typewriting and handwriting on figures should be avoided: use stencils or strip-letters (e.g., Letraset). Beware of such strip-lettering on photographs – it is prone to damage; an overlay is safer.

Camera-ready amino-acid or nucleic acid sequences may be typed – check your ribbon.

□ On graphs, each trace should be defined using a standard symbol selected from the following: \oplus \triangle \odot \blacksquare \square \blacklozenge \lozenge \circ $*$ \ominus \oplus \star \blacksquare \boxtimes \square \bullet \blacktriangle \blacktriangledown \blacktriangleright \boxplus \boxminus \boxtimes \odot \diamond \triangle ∇ \triangleright \triangleleft \oplus \ominus \star \otimes . Traces may also be labelled, but any abbreviations should be fully defined in the legend. Please avoid bar diagrams, unless they are true histograms. Tables of numerical values are more informative.

□ Please type the legend(s), using double or triple spacing, on sheets separate from the figures. The actual figure should not bear a title (use A,B, etc. for different panels within a figure). The first sentence of the figure legend should constitute a brief title. Please bear in mind the vertical space occupied by the figure legend, particularly in the case of full-page figures (where 1 cm per 50 words should be allowed). The total typesetting length is 23.5 cm.

□ Authors intending to submit colour figures should consult with a Managing Editor/Receiving Centre at an early stage. Costs are borne by the author and are reckoned per journal page.