

## Announcement

### Rapid Reports

Authors are asked to note the following points when submitting Rapid Reports.

- A Rapid Report should be a complete piece of work of special significance and timeliness.
- It should be concise and not normally exceed four printed pages (i.e., 12 pages of double-spaced typescript, including tables and figures up to a total of four). Since a Rapid Report is short, division into sections (e.g., Introduction, Materials and Methods, etc.) is inappropriate. A Summary of about 50 words is, however, required.
- A Rapid Report should be submitted to one of the Managing Editors as mentioned on the inside cover of each BBA issue, along with a covering letter which gives a brief synopsis of the key findings of the study

that would justify publication as a Rapid Report, and includes some sense of their significance.

- The Managing Editor will decide on the acceptability of the paper for publication, generally within 2 weeks of receipt of the manuscript.
- No proofs will be sent unless specifically requested. In such a case, a fax number must be provided to enable turnaround of corrected proofs within 48 hours.
- Rapid Reports are added to the end of issues currently in production.
- An accepted Rapid Report will generally be published within 6–8 weeks of receipt at the Publisher's office, depending on issue scheduling.

Old-style BBA Reports are no longer being considered for publication.