



Editorial

Review articles can be extraordinarily useful because they quickly update the reader about developments remote from his or her own area of expertise. A well-written review captures the essence of the subject matter including the key questions and critical experiments and conveys all of this to the reader without the jargon. Reviews can have an impact on the reader's research due to the resulting awareness of new concepts, new approaches, and new methodologies.

This issue is the first of two issues devoted exclusively to minireviews and reviews that describe recent advances in diverse areas of bioorganic chemistry. The second issue will appear in 2005. The reviews in this issue explore topics in enzyme mechanisms, biosynthesis, evolution, and enzyme superfamilies. Two additional reviews highlight chemical techniques and methodologies to probe enzyme mechanism and structure. I hope you find these reviews interesting as well as informative.

The editorial board and I would like minireviews and reviews to become regular features in the journal. Ideally, we would like to include about four or five reviews throughout the year. We encourage you to submit a short review, a minireview, or a longer review capturing the essence of your research.

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