

EDITORIAL

As an undergraduate student at Chelsea School of Pharmacy, I once had a problem with an ultra-violet spectrophotometer. The problem was my fault and the instructor told me:

"When all else fails, read the instructions."

This is very sound advice for anyone working with instruments and applies equally well to the preparation of manuscripts for publication in Drug Development and Industrial Pharmacy. Authors are requested to read very carefully the Instructions to Authors given on the inside back cover. We prefer one and a half spacing but we will still publish double-spaced manuscripts. Since we publish by the photo-offset technique, authors must be punctilious in preparing their papers--there is no proof reading which would allow a final check for errors. Our publishers make every effort to prepare an attractive journal, but they cannot work miracles with poor quality typescript. Also, when mailing papers to the Editor, authors are requested to place stout board in the envelope in order to protect the manuscript from damage.

Our review process is usually quite rapid. We are normally able to provide authors with a decision on the acceptability of a paper, in the original or modified form, within six weeks of its receipt in the Editor's office. Often our review process is complete within three weeks.

The success of our journal has resulted in our receiving many more papers during the past twelve months than previously. Thus, there is now a slightly longer gap between acceptance and publication. However, if authors have a valid reason for desiring rapid publication and the paper is short, the Editor can place the paper on a rapid publication track so that it goes to press with the next issue.

Potential authors considering the preparation of a paper for Drug Development and Industrial Pharmacy are encouraged to contact the Editor by letter or by telephone if they have any doubt about the length of the proposed paper or the suitability of its subject matter.

We are interested in obtaining further papers on organizational aspects of Industrial Pharmacy. Such topics as: problems involved in the export of drugs; rational budgetary control of pharmacy research and development; purchasing policies for pharmaceutical raw materials, are of considerable importance for many of our readers.