

The Journal of Lipid Research (JLR) remains the premier journal for investigators in the field of lipids. We are very pleased to announce our plans for electronic submission and review of manuscripts and a forthcoming series of thematic review articles.

Electronic submissions will have major advantages for the authors: the review process will be accelerated and the time from submission to publication reduced. Soon after acceptance for publication, a paper will be posted electronically as a "paper in press" that can be cited immediately as a published document. The *ILR* will be converting to an electronic review system in the fall of 2001; we expect that rapid conversion to the electronic review system will be facilitated by our association with the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, which successfully instituted electronic submissions and review for the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* more than a year ago. We encourage all authors who are currently planning to submit a manuscript to *JLR* to send electronic files (PDF file preferred, otherwise text and tables as a Word file and figures as TIFF or EPS files) along with the hard copies, so that we can start implementing the electronic review process. Instructions to authors detailing requirements for electronic submission will appear soon in print and online (www.jlr.org/misc/ifora.shtml). Your support and help are appreciated.

To keep the readership abreast of the fast-developing areas in lipid research, the Journal is introducing a series of "thematic reviews" that will cover a topic or theme over several issues. These thematic reviews will be short and timely. Each series will include four to six reviews that will be published in consecutive months. The first series on the topic of the ABC transporters will start this summer. This series of five articles will tentatively include the following titles and authors: (1) The Human ATP-Binding Cassette (ABC) Transporter Superfamily by Michael Dean, Yannick Hamon, and Giovanna Chimini; (2) ABCA1: The Gatekeeper for Eliminating Excess Tissue Cholesterol by John F. Oram and Richard M. Lawn; (3) Regulation and Intracellular Trafficking of ABCA1 by Silvia Santamarina-Fojo, Alan Remaley, Edward Neufeld, and H. Bryan Brewer; (4) Insights Derived From Mutations in ABCA1 in Humans and Animal Models by Michael Hayden, John Kastelein, and Alan Attie; and (5) Role of ABCG1 and Other ABCG Family Members in Lipid Metabolism by Gerd Schmitz, Thomas Langmann, and Susanne Heimerl.

We are also happy to report that *JLR* now has on-line access (at www.jlr.org) to full text papers from 1998 to the present. Articles are also accessible by abstract only from January 1975 to December 1997.

As always, we look forward to comments and suggestions.

Trudy M. Forte, Editor-in-Chief

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