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Editorial

Web Submission of *Letters* To Replace *Communications*

Over the years, *Communications* in this Journal have served as a vehicle for reporting on preliminary studies of novel and timely significance in medicinal chemistry. Starting in January 2001, *Communications* will be replaced by *Letters* (4 journal pages maximum length), with the flexibility of submission via a secure Web site or via conventional hardcopy. An electronic manuscript template will be available at the *Journal of Medicinal Chemistry* Web edition home page via <http://pubs.acs.org/journals/jmcmar/index.html>. Utilization of the Web services will significantly reduce the time required to review, process, and publish *Letters*. The estimated publication time for Web submissions should be 12 weeks. Longer publication time might be expected for hardcopy submission.

The criteria for *Letters* are novelty, timeliness, and importance to the field of medicinal chemistry. The major concepts should not have been reported previously. The characterization and purity of target compounds should include NMR, HRMS, and HPLC as Supporting Information. The requirements for quantitative biological data are described in section k of the **2001 Guidelines for Authors**.

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