

Editor's Note

I am pleased to report to readers that the transition to a fully electronic system for manuscript submission, review, editorial decisions and publication has gone very well, largely as a consequence of the outstanding efforts of Jill Filler, Managing Editor, and her staff in our Bethesda office. We have received positive feedback from authors, reviewers, and readers and have introduced various changes in response to suggestions. Of particular note is the electronic posting of fully accepted manuscripts (*Fast Forward Articles*) within a few days of acceptance, substantially in advance of the print version.

The conversion to an all-electronic system has been accompanied by a substantial increase in the number of submissions and, in turn, an increased workload for everyone involved in the review process. Staff, reviewers, and Associate Editors have all responded to the challenge. The larger number of submissions has led us to apply stricter criteria for acceptance of manuscripts, with an even greater emphasis on both scientific quality and breadth of appeal to a general readership in molecular pharmacology. The application of these criteria has led the Associate Editors to reject a growing number of manuscripts before their examination by reviewers (a decision that requires the concurrence of multiple Associate Editors). We realize that this triage system is unpleasant for those whose manuscripts are rejected in this manner but believe that it is a useful and important response to our significantly increased number of submissions.

I want to acknowledge the outstanding efforts of the previous Editor, Joan Heller Brown, who has contributed until this issue as Associate Editor. Dianne Perez is a new Associate Editor who will handle manuscripts in areas that relate to those of Joan's expertise. I am also grateful to the editorial staff, editorial board members, and Associate Editors for their ongoing efforts on behalf of *Molecular Pharmacology* and hope that authors and readers will continue to find this journal a highly suitable venue for original findings in the discipline. I welcome suggestions regarding ways to improve its quality and appeal.

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