

Editorial

Some Changes in Format and Style

In the January issue, we noted that some changes in the journal's format and style have been under consideration for some time. A larger page size and accompanying two-column format have been implemented. We have also been discussing changes in manuscript preparation requirements and reference citation format to bring us into closer concordance with other mainstream scientific journals. These changes are being announced in this issue, and become effective immediately (for new submissions).

The Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals, promulgated by the International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE), are being adopted by this journal. Although we are not strictly a biomedical journal, these uniform requirements fit our needs and publishing philosophy. The current version of the requirements have been published in various journals from time to time. As a convenience to our authors,

they are published in their entirety immediately as follows. Our "Instructions to Authors" that are routinely printed at the back of each issue will be, in this issue and henceforth, shortened to incorporate the "Uniform Requirements. . . ." by reference to this issue (and to some other sources). Those requirements and information specific to this journal will continue to be printed in each issue, following the references to the "Uniform Requirements. . . ." In adopting these requirements, we join over 500 other journals that have taken the same action.

The new submission requirements will apply to manuscripts prepared and submitted following this notification. Because of the lag time between acceptance and actual publication, we do not expect that these changes will be fully implemented before the January, 1996, issue.

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