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Editorial

Note to intending authors

Over the last two years, we have seen a significant increase in papers submitted to the *Chemical Engineering Journal*. We attribute this rise in submissions to the rapidly growing interest in the scope of the journal, and we are happy to see that the majority of these manuscripts pertain to high impact and timely topics. A number of these submissions, however, are largely routine studies, presenting experimental data but without any significant new interpretation or novelty. As an example, a significant fraction of these manuscripts deal with the general area of adsorption, where very similar studies of equilibria and kinetic observations are presented on a range of different adsorbents. The data are fitted to established models and correlations with little or no novelty of interpretation. Similar patterns of submission also occur on other topics. For example, we receive many manuscripts which present results which are very specific to a plant or an established process. These are often routine in nature and contain little transferable knowledge which would be of generic interest. While the editors make every effort to ensure that papers are fairly and independently

reviewed, manuscripts which are patently of a routine nature, or very specific and applied in their scope as described above, will be rejected by the editors as "lacking in novel content".

The editors of the *Chemical Engineering Journal* would like to remind intending authors that the journal is an international research journal soliciting contributions of original and novel fundamental scientific research. Papers which describe novel theory and its application to practice are welcome, as are those which illustrate the transfer of techniques from other disciplines. Reports of carefully executed experimental work, which is soundly interpreted are also welcome. The overall focus is on original and rigorous research results which have generic significance.

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