

EDITORIAL

A new year, a new volume. Already volume 3 is with us and with this an important change. This volume will appear as four issues, i.e. quarterly rather than bimonthly. This is not expected to affect the number of papers published.

Looking back over the first two volumes of Glycoconjugate Journal a few trends are apparent. Our emblem indicates that we publish articles on oligosaccharides, glycolipids, glycoproteins and proteoglycans. Of these topics, glycolipids lead the appearance league with glycoproteins lying a not too close second. Oligosaccharides have had a modest 10% coverage, but even so have appeared twice as often as proteoglycans.

The type of study performed with the various glycoconjugates was fairly evenly spread. Chemical synthesis, structural determination and metabolic studies had a slight lead over methodological and functional reports. Perhaps not surprisingly the vast majority of the work published concerned research on glycoconjugates of animal origin.

Slightly more than half of the work published originated in Europe with the remainder divided evenly between the United States and Japan.

These statistics may or may not be interesting. What remains to be said is that good manuscripts are always welcome at Glycoconjugate Journal, regardless of the glycoconjugate discipline, scientific aspect and geographical origin.