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## Editorial

### Moving with the Times: CIF Format of X-ray Data

This journal is entering a transition period during which we are progressing from merely receiving and publishing manuscripts on paper to also acquiring data in machine-readable forms and making these data available to the scientific community by electronic means. We are therefore requesting authors whose X-ray data are in the Crystallographic Information File (CIF) format to submit such data by e-mail to the following address:

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During this transition period, one copy each of the structure factor listings and other supplementary data should still accompany the four manuscript copies in submission. We will establish which of our crystallographic reviewers would prefer to receive such data in electronic form because several of these colleagues will wish to carry out automated checks of the determination. It is our hope that a growing number of authors will adapt their crystallographic programs to produce output in CIF format. The CIF format (Hall, S. R.; Allen, F. H.; Brown, I. D. *Acta Crystallogr.* **1991**, *A47*, 655–685) is the method of choice for deposition into existing databases, and computing packages are available which automatically create a CIF suitable for submission.

Information describing how to access this material after the manuscript has been accepted will be provided in future journal masthead pages.

M. Frederick Hawthorne, Editor  
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