

Editor's Note

Supplementary Material

Over recent years, there has been a considerable increase in the quantity of *Supplementary Material* being handled by the Editorial Office in Padua. The work involved to process this material is stretching our already hard-pressed staff. Because of this we have decided that the possibility for authors to store 'with the Editor-in Chief' is to be withdrawn. Authors are requested to send *Supplementary Material* to one

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We apologise to authors for any inconvenience that this change may bring, in the interests of the smooth running of the journal it is unavoidable.

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