

The Journal of Organic Chemistry Implements Brief Communications

On June 1, 2011, with the full support of the Editor-in-Chief of *Organic Letters*, *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* will resume consideration of manuscripts for publication as Brief Communications to expand the available venues for the publication of exciting new research. The new communication format will be restricted to brief reports of unusual urgency and broad interest from all areas of organic chemistry. When selecting a format for publication, authors should carefully consider that Brief Communications in *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* will be shorter than Letters in *Organic Letters*. Brief Communications are intended to be preliminary disclosures of exciting recent work, with the expectation that the studies will be expanded and reported as a full paper. Because the requirements for urgency and novelty will be very similar for *Organic Letters* and *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* Brief Communications, a manuscript deemed inappropriate for publication, by either the Editor of *Organic Letters* or *The Journal of Organic Chemistry*, would not be appropriate for publication in the other, regardless of length. As Editors-in-Chief, we will consult with each other should situations arise when manuscripts are rejected from one of the two journals and subsequently submitted to the other journal.

The Journal of Organic Chemistry Brief Communications will be strictly limited to a 2000 word descriptive section, which includes the space required for figures, schemes, and tables. The Experimental Section will be similarly brief, limited to a maximum 2500 words. There will also be a limit of 25 references. Submission of multiple manuscripts to *The Journal of Organic Chemistry* as Brief Communications or *Organic Letters*, in a short period of time, will not be an acceptable venue for publishing a large body of work. A more detailed description of Brief Communications can be found in the updated Guidelines for Authors for *The Journal of Organic Chemistry*.

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