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

The 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 form 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 address:

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During this transition period, one copy of the structure factor listings and four copies of 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 since several such colleagues will wish to carry out various 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 available computing packages automatically create a CIF for submission.

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