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Editorial

**Expedited Articles: A New Category for the Rapid
Dissemination of Cutting-Edge Research**

Over the past 2 years we have successfully met our goal of an average of 12 weeks from receipt to publication for Communications to the Editor. This category has been used for publication of cutting-edge research in medicinal chemistry that demanded fast disclosure of preliminary results. However, because this category currently has a limit of 1500 words, including figures and tables, there is a need for expedited publication of more lengthy manuscripts whose contents are also at the cutting edge. To fulfill this need, a new category, *Expedited Articles*, has been created. Expedited Articles will have the same format as *Articles* and should be of extraordinary importance, novelty, and timeliness to deserve expedited review and processing. Manuscripts must not exceed 25 double-spaced pages, including tables and figures. The corresponding author must justify why the manuscript warrants accelerated publication and should suggest the names of six scientists who are qualified to serve as knowledgeable and impartial reviewers. The criteria for acceptance of Expedited Articles will be identical to those for Communications. Prior publication as a Communication or other form of rapid publication would preclude consideration of a manuscript as an Expedited Article. After acceptance, the manuscript should be published within 6–7 weeks.

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