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EDITORIAL

This is the inaugural issue of a rapid Letters section of the journal, which will be published in ten issues per year. The first ten issues will constitute Volume 34 of the journal.

The Letters section has been initiated based upon the recommendations of a number of readers and contributors who, over the last few years, stressed the need for a rapid mode of reaching that portion of the scientific community concerned with the specific areas of molecular and liquid crystals.

Letters can be submitted in two forms: camera-ready copy, not to exceed 6 pages in total length (for most rapid publication); or as an ordinary typed manuscript, not to exceed 1500 words in total length, including figures, tables and references. Detailed submission instructions may be obtained from the editors. As there will be no typesetting, proofreading, etc. for those letters which are submitted in camera-ready copy form, this method will assure an even more rapid publication schedule than for those letters submitted for typesetting.

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