

Editorial

I recently completed a survey which asked about the numbers of women and ethnic minority members of our editorial advisory board (EAB). Whilst we have a considerable number of very active EAB members from a wide variety of national groups, there is only one female member of EAB out of a total of over 40.

Since I would like to increase the number of women EAB members, I have two questions for readers of the journal. First for female readers—would you be willing to volunteer and to serve on the EAB (two meetings a year maximum) and promote the journal? Second, for male readers—is there a female colleague in your department whom you could recommend to me as a possible future EAB member? Replies by e-mail to *sciup@scientificupdate.co.uk*.

Whilst female representation on EAB is low, women do much of the work in producing the journal. In my office Claire and Sue undertake the editorial assistant's duties, and in Columbus and Washington the ACS staff involved with the journal are mostly female. I thank them all for their contribution to the journal.

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