Editorial

Authors are now requested to submit manuscripts electronically: Manuscript processing fee will then not be required

Because of the considerable improvement that has occurred in the quality of electronically transferred graphics, and in order to accelerate the manuscript review process, we request that if at all possible authors submit their manuscripts as attachments via email only. Hard copies are no longer required if the text and graphics are in one of the more commonly used formats. No processing fee is then required for such submissions. Since only relatively few word processing programs are in common use, and excellent conversion programs are available, transfer of text generally does not present a problem.

Graphics can be more problematic since there are a large number of graphic formats in use, and not all can be converted successfully to more common formats, or converted so that the full resolution of the original is maintained. Therefore, we request that all graphics be in one of the more common formats such as those of *Microsoft Photo Editor*, *Power Point*, *Adobe Acrobat*, *Photoshop*, *Dell Picture Studio*, *Paintbrush*, and *Picture Gear*, to give some examples. Thus, files with the extensions *.jpg* (*.jpeg*), *.gif*, *.bmp*, *.tif*, *.eps*, *.ppt*, *.psd* and *.pcx* are examples of the most desired formats. Although, as indicated, Adobe Acrobat (*.pdf*) graphic files are acceptable we do not want *.pdf* text files. Resolution of the graphics should be at least 300 dots per inch, but higher resolution is recommended, particularly if there is fine detail in the illustration. Authors who are not certain if the format they use is acceptable should check with the Editorial Office in New York (hklinger@aecom.yu.edu).

Because the size of email messages is limited in many email systems it may be necessary to send large graphics files separately. In all cases, please be certain that the first author's initials precede the file name of all figures and tables in attachments to avoid confusion with those of other papers that may arrive on the same day.

We are developing a system for the electronic transmission of manuscripts that will be better and simpler than sending them as email attachments. This will be announced when it becomes available.

All electronic submissions will be confirmed via email within three working days and the authors will be given a manuscript number. They should refer to this number in any communications related to their report. Reviewer's recommendations and the decision as to the publication of the report will be sent via email to the corresponding author. It is therefore essential that this author's email address appears on the title page of the report. Telephone and fax numbers as well as a full mailing address should also appear on the title page.

Authors who do not submit their manuscripts electronically will be required to include the manuscript processing fee of \$85 for full reports and \$50 for Brief Gene Mapping reports, or for other short reports, that will not encompass more than three printed pages. (Approximately nine double spaced pages in 12 point type including illustrations, legends and references.) These fees are required for the labor involved in scanning hard copies or, when the scanned illustrations are not of adequate quality, for the costs of courier services for sending the manuscript to reviewers and to the printers.

Before submitting a report please be sure to consult the **Guidelines for Authors** that appear in the front of each issue of *Cytogenetic and Genome Research* for further details and for full instructions.

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