Types of Articles for *Science*

To assure publication of papers with a minimum of delay and to provide readers with subject matter of a wide range and general interest, the AAAS editorial board reaffirms and restates the following policies.

Papers submitted by members and nonmembers of the AAAS will receive equal consideration for publication. Material that is not considered suitable for publication by the board of editors will be returned to the author, and it cannot be the subject of continuing correspondence.

1) *Lead articles.* Lead articles varying in length from about 1000 to 10,000 words are invited for consideration. These may be general articles or reviews of recent advances in some field. Authors should keep in mind the broad audience of *Science* and should employ reasonably nontechnical language that will be intelligible to most readers.

2) *Reports and Letters.* All papers that formerly were classified as “Technical Papers” and “Communications,” as well as letter-to-the-editor type of comments, are now placed in one department. However, the former requirements still hold. Reports of research should be limited to four double-spaced, typewritten pages (about 1200 words). This includes the space occupied by figure or table, references, and author’s name and affiliation. However, statements of conclusions without supporting data will not be accepted. *Such data should be included to the extent necessary.* Illustrative material should be limited to one table or one figure.

Brief announcements of completed work or observations varying in length from several sentences to approximately 600 words will usually be given priority for publication. These may be reports of significant research that will be described in detail in an archive journal. Supporting data or a comprehensive account of the work should be included in the letter of transmittal for the guidance of the referees.

Letters to the editor are usually comments on previously published articles.

Every effort will be made to publish papers promptly. This will require the cooperation of authors, who should follow these suggestions: (i) give special attention to concise expressions; (ii) supply clear figures that unquestionably are suitable for reproduction; (iii) see that manuscripts are submitted in the form used by *Science*, especially with regard to references, figure legends, table headings, and abbreviations; (iv) on the galley proof, limit alterations to typographic and factual errors; (v) return galley proof promptly.

All manuscripts should be typed with double spacing and submitted in duplicate in order to expedite reviewing by referees and editorial processing. In the event that a paper is returned to an author for revision, one copy will be retained in the editorial office pending final disposition.

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