

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CONTRIBUTORS

FGN #50 will be published in the fall of 2003. Reviewing of manuscripts commences in January of the publication year so contributions should be made between 1st January and the submission deadline 1 April 2003. The Newsletter is a suitable place for short research notes, methods notes, linkage data, information concerning new mutants, announcements of meetings, or of positions available et cetera. It is a policy not to accept an abstract or shorter version of a full-length paper which will be published soon in a regular journal. However, a more extensive description of techniques or mutants used in a regular paper would be appropriate for FGN. We particularly encourage you to use FGN to describe new techniques or methods. All manuscripts are reviewed but will not be returned to authors for minor editorial changes. Please make every effort to have your manuscript conform to the format used in FGN. The details of formats for "Mini Reviews", "One-Liners" and "Brief Notes" are as follows: "Mini Reviews" is a section in which one or two brief reviews of an area of research will be published. Potential contributors are encouraged to communicate an outline of their review before writing the manuscript. "One-Liners" is a section in which helpful hints, et cetera, can be communicated. Please communicate one or two sentence pieces of useful information at any time during the year. "Brief Notes" is a section in which a brief account of research observations can be made; typically only very preliminary research will have been done.

1. Manuscripts should follow the standard format for the Newsletter: consult papers in this edition of the Newsletter or the Editor if you are not sure of the format. Regular papers should also include a brief ABSTRACT (about 4 or 5 lines) which contains the following: 1) A statement of the question/hypothesis; 2) The experimental approach and most significant results; and 3) The conclusions.
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5. Make tables and figures as compact as possible. Both should be submitted in final form suitable for publication. Please take steps to prevent them being bent in the mail. Figures should be avoided where words are adequate. Color figures will be black-and-white in the print edition.
6. References should be used sparingly. When needed, they should be cited within the text as shown in the following examples (Note: pagination is inclusive.):

(Bartnik *et al.* 1981 *Curr. Genet.* **4**:173-176).
(Rand and Tatum 1980 *J. Bacteriol.* **141**:707-714).

Deadline for receipt of contributions is on or before 1 April 2003. Reviewing of manuscripts begins in January.

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