

***Acta Crystallographica Section E: Structure Reports Online: Rapid Growth 2001–2004***

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*Acta Crystallographica Section E: Structure Reports Online* was launched in 2001 as the first purely electronic journal of the IUCr. Its purpose is the rapid publication of individual results of crystal structure determination, with an emphasis on brevity, high technical quality, and high speed. Between its launch and the end of 2004, the journal has grown steadily and massively. In terms of both papers and pages, the 2004 journal is more than double the size of that in 2001. Over the same period, the average publication time has been slightly reduced from 1 month to 0.8 months. Each year a substantial number of new Co-editors have been appointed, reaching over 30 by the end of 2004. Procedures for submission and handling of papers have been refined and substantial further improvements are currently underway. Authors are provided with a number of tools to aid them in the preparation and checking of manuscripts; they have the opportunity of incorporating a wide range of full-colour graphics and supplementary material; communication with editorial staff, proof-reading, and the provision of free reprints are all carried out electronically, through web interfaces and e-mail. The journal has proved very popular and is an excellent medium for the publication of individual crystal structures for which detailed discussion is not required, complementing *Section C* with its requirement for significant discussion of results and its acceptance of multiple-structure papers.

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