

Acta Crystallographica Section C: Crystal Structure Communications

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Acta Crystallographica Section C continues to specialize in the rapid publication of high-quality studies of novel and challenging crystal and molecular structures. In 2003 *Section C* published 478 papers (49 inorganic, 186 metal-organic and 243 organic) in a total of 1482 pages. In 2004, *Section C* published 554 papers (42 inorganic, 227 metal-organic, 285 organic) in a total of 1686 pages. Publication times continue their downward trend, while the citation impact has risen from 0.571 in 2001, to 0.659 in 2002 and 0.828 in 2003.

There has been a significant increase in the number of submissions to *Section C* in the last triennium and this has resulted in a major increase in editorial workload. Some 39% of original technically correct submissions to *Section C* in 2003 were subsequently withdrawn or rejected; this withdrawal/rejection rate climbed to 48% in 2004. The principal reasons for this significant increase in the withdrawal/rejection rate were either that the text in the Comment section of the CIF was deemed not to provide the "significant added value to the numerical data freely available in the CIF", or (increasingly) that the text in the Comment section was very poorly crafted and difficult to understand. Changes made to the 2005 Notes for authors to improve the quality of initial submissions will be described.

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