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Important Manuscript Submission Requirements and Notices

- When a manuscript is submitted to *JACS*, Editors must make an initial editorial judgment regarding its suitability for the journal's audience. A significant number of submissions are returned without sending them on for further processing.
- Titles of manuscripts may not contain the words "First" or "Novel" nor any part number or series number.
- Acronyms and abbreviations are not permitted in manuscript titles, unless they are broadly familiar to readers in all disciplines of chemistry.
- Title of manuscript, list of authors, and order of authors must be the same on all pieces of the submission.
- All authors must be listed on the submission page with current contact information and a direct/valid e-mail address for each.
- Communications and Articles must contain both an Abstract and a [Table of Contents \(TOC\) graphic](#) in the manuscript document file.
- A Communication must convey the scientific findings concisely in abstract, main text, and graphical elements **not exceeding 2200 words**.
- All sections of an Article must be properly labeled (Introduction, Discussion, Experimental Section, Conclusions, etc.).
- Turn "track changes" off before submitting files; upload annotated files as Supporting Information for Review Only.
- Copies of all related works that are "in press", "accepted", or "submitted" for publication or in the late stages of preparation must be uploaded as Supporting Information for Review Only at the time of submission. References that are only available online should be cited by the Digital Object Identifier (DOI).
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- Trademarked items (company or institutional logos, images, and products) and images downloaded from the Web are not permitted, and all graphics are subject to approval by the Editor.
- Crystallographic information files must be furnished for all new structures, even if they have already been submitted to the CCDC, ICSD, or PDB. They must be submitted in CIF format and uploaded as Supporting Information for Publication.
- Dedications may appear only in the Acknowledgment section and are subject to approval by

the Editor.

- The receipt date will be recorded as the date the complete manuscript is received by the Editor's office. Manuscripts that are ready to be reviewed when first submitted will receive priority for initial processing and assignment to an Associate Editor.
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Scope of the Journal

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Manuscript Types

Articles most appropriate for publication in *JACS* are those that deal with some phase of “pure” chemistry as distinguished from “applied” chemistry, yet not all manuscripts that describe well-executed work can be accepted. Articles of high scientific quality, originality, significance, and conceptual novelty that are of interest to the wide and diverse contemporary readership of *JACS* will be given priority for publication. Articles on methodology should include one or more applications of widespread interest and, unless significant new advances are announced, will be declined with the recommendation for Manuscript Transfer to specialized journals. Papers that draw conclusions from the treatment of existing data must also include significant new data and make new experimental or theoretical predictions of broad interest. Articles which mainly expand findings that were previously published as Communications in *JACS* or elsewhere and which only incorporate experimental data, without greatly expanded scope and without providing new insights or conceptual breakthroughs, will be declined. Articles that are mainly routine extensions of previously published related work will also be declined with the recommendation for Manuscript Transfer to specialized journals.

Use of the template for Articles is strongly encouraged but is not required. If an author chooses not to use a template to prepare an Article, only Times and Symbol fonts and 1.5 or double line spacing should be used. Other fonts may cause problems when the PDF files used for review are created. Also, if the template is not used, the document mode or its equivalent in the word-processing program should be used; i.e., files should not be saved in “Text Only” (ASCII) mode. If a non-Western version of word-processing software is used to prepare the manuscript, the file should be saved in rich-text format (RTF).

Communications are restricted to reports of unusual urgency, timeliness, significance, and broad interest. A brief statement explaining how the manuscript meets the criteria of urgency and significance should be included in the author's cover letter. It is desirable that the principal conclusions be stated in the opening sentences of the manuscript. Communications must conform to the length guidelines described in the ‘Preparation of Manuscripts’ section. The submission of

multiple Communications on the same or closely related topics within a short period of time is not an acceptable means of publishing a body of work that is too large for a single Communication. Such work should be described in the format of an Article. The major concepts must not have appeared previously as a report or publication. If a previous Communication by the same author(s) has already appeared and the present manuscript describes a technical improvement or increase in the scope of the work, it will not be accepted in the absence of a novel conceptual advance.

A Communication must convey the scientific findings concisely in abstract, main text, and graphical elements as determined by word count not exceeding 2200 words, including titles/footnotes/captions of approximately five graphics (typically 2 inches long in a single column). References are **not** included in word count to allow article titles to be included at submission. All graphics and tables must be placed near the point of first mention in the text of the manuscript (not grouped at the end of the document) and must be sized according to current guidance. Long notes are not permitted in the References section; information not directly germane to the Communication can be included as Supporting Information.

The current Communications templates ([Microsoft Word 2011 for Macintosh](#) and [Microsoft Word 2010 for Windows](#)) remain available for submission and will facilitate the review process; however, word count is the defining limit for a JACS Communication. Authors need not fit the manuscript to four strict pages by the template measure. To calculate word count within the word processing application, select all text from abstract through end of main text (excluding title, authors, affiliations, and content after main text) and view the word processor's word count data. Communications exceeding the word count limit must be shortened before acceptance. [Sample Communication in new template](#)

Perspectives are personal reviews of a field or area, and they are focused rather than comprehensive. Perspective authors are asked to assess the current status of the field with an emphasis toward identifying key advances being made or those advances that are needed, and with an eye to the future. The JACS Perspective should touch base with the current literature, including key contributors and references, but will primarily serve to inspire and help direct future research efforts. Authors may be invited by the Editor to submit Perspectives. Authors interested in submitting a Perspective are strongly encouraged to contact the Editor prior to manuscript preparation and submission, to seek conditional approval of the proposed topic. One-page proposals should be sent to the Editor, Peter J. Stang (jacs@jacs.acs.org), for consideration. Perspectives should be in the range of 5-10 formatted Journal pages.

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- [Mastering the Art of Scientific Publication](#), which shares editor tips about a variety of topics including making your paper scientifically effective, preparing excellent graphics, and writing cover letters.
- Resources on [how to prepare and submit a manuscript](#) to ACS Paragon Plus, ACS Publications' manuscript submission and peer review environment.
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- [ACS Reviewer Lab](#), a free online course covering best practices for peer review and related ethical considerations.

Manuscript Preparation

Review Ready Submission

All ACS journals and partner journals have simplified their formatting requirements in favor of a streamlined and standardized review-ready format for an initial manuscript submission. Read more about the requirements and the benefits these serves authors and reviewers [here](#).

Manuscripts submitted for initial consideration must adhere to these standards:

- Submissions must be complete with clearly identified standard sections used to report original research, free of annotations or highlights, and include all numbered and labeled components.
- Figures, charts, tables, schemes, and equations should be embedded in the text at the point of relevance. Separate graphics can be supplied later at revision, if necessary.
- A two-column manuscript template is available and can be used for manuscripts submitted to any ACS journal or partner journal. Templates are not required but may be useful to approximate how an article will compose. For manuscripts with word count limits, authors are not required to fit content into a page limit based on the template.
- References can be provided in any style, but they must be complete, including titles.
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- Author names and affiliations on the manuscript must match what is entered into ACS.

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The templates facilitate the peer review process by allowing authors to place artwork and tables close to the point where they are discussed within the text.

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Manuscript Text Components

Title. The title should accurately, clearly, and concisely reflect the emphasis and content of the paper. Series or part numbers may not be used, nor may the words “Novel” or “First” appear in the title. Acronyms and abbreviations are not permitted in manuscript titles, unless they are broadly familiar to readers in all disciplines of chemistry.

Author List. Include as coauthors all those who have made substantial contributions to the work. Use first names, initials, and surnames (e.g., John R. Smith). Do not use only initials with surnames (e.g., J. R. Smith), because this causes indexing and retrieval difficulties and interferes with unique identification of an author. Deceased persons who meet the criteria for inclusion as coauthors should be so included, with an Author Information note indicating the date of death. Do not include professional or official titles or academic degrees. At least one, or optionally more than one author must be designated with an asterisk as the author(s) to whom reader correspondence regarding the published manuscript may be addressed.

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Abstract. All manuscripts (Communications and Articles) must contain an abstract, which should summarize the reason for the work, the most significant results, and the conclusions. The abstract should not exceed about 250 words. Pasting the abstract in the text box on the Web submission page does not replace the need for including an abstract in the manuscript document.

Text (Articles). The first paragraphs of an Article should explain the motivation for and import of the work, where it fits in the development of the field and of chemistry, and perhaps why it should be of interest to chemists in other areas. It should be possible to do this without excessively increasing the length of the Article. Extensive reviews of the literature cannot be accepted. Thoughtful use of schemes and figures (with well-composed captions) is recommended, so that

even casual browsers can discern the nature of the work. Well-known procedures should be designated by name, or literature references to them should be given. Experimental results are of lasting value and should be clearly and logically presented in a separate section. Standard Article format must be used for preparing a manuscript for submission as an Article, including section headings and a proper Introduction, a complete Experimental Section (unless placed in the Supporting Information), Results, and Discussion. The addition of a Conclusion section at the end of the paper, which briefly summarizes the principal conclusions of the work, is recommended. If desired for clarification, section headings may be given Arabic numbers and subsections numbered in decimals (e.g., subsection 2.1 and subsection 2.2).

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Abbreviations. Acronyms and abbreviations that are not broadly familiar to readers in all disciplines of chemistry should be introduced in parentheses following the full term on its first appearance in the text. Do not include a separate Abbreviations list.

Acknowledgment. Dedications and notes acknowledging financial or professional assistance to the conduct of research or indicating presentation at a meeting should be brief and placed in the Acknowledgment section.

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Unnecessarily long lists of references should be avoided, and excessive self-citation is not permitted. However, authors must reference all previous publications in which portions of the present work have appeared. Literature references and short explanatory footnotes must be numbered with Arabic numerals in the order of their first citation in the text and the corresponding numbers placed at the appropriate locations in the text as superscripted numerals.

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Data Requirements

Characterization of New Substances. Adequate evidence to firmly establish both identity and purity should be provided. Recommended criteria vary according to substance categories. A summary of the detailed criteria may be found below.

Guidelines for Characterization of Organometallic and Inorganic Compounds

Authors are required to provide sufficient information (as described in more detail below) to establish the identity of a new compound, its purity, and its yield. Sufficient experimental details must also be included to allow another researcher to reproduce the synthesis. Characterization data and experimental details must be included in either the paper or the Supporting Information. It must be emphasized that the following is only a general guideline and authors are encouraged to present as much data as possible to support their structure assignments. In some cases, a reviewer or Editor may require authors to submit additional data to satisfy themselves of the validity of a proposed formulation.

Characterization Data

(a) Routine Compounds

Compounds in this category are those that have either literature precedents or are obtained by a logical synthesis in close to quantitative yield. Because of potential misidentification of atoms, an X-ray diffraction structure alone will not typically be considered to provide sufficient characterization for these molecules. Diamagnetic compounds must also be characterized by NMR spectroscopy, preferably for at least two different nuclei. In addition, at least one other characterization technique must be used to support the proposed formulation. Preferably, this would be a technique that provides definitive identification of a key functional group or chromophore. For example, IR spectroscopy may be used to support the presence of carbonyl, acyl, dinitrogen, carbonyl, and hydride moieties.

Paramagnetic compounds of this category present a further complication if NMR spectroscopy does not furnish clear evidence for the proposed formulation (note that NMR spectroscopy of paramagnetic complexes can be useful if sufficiently large sweep widths are used). In many cases, X-ray diffraction may provide the most unambiguous characterization of such complexes, but this will not suffice as the only means of characterization. In the absence of an X-ray structure determination, evidence for elemental constitution must be provided by elemental analysis (e.g., combustion analysis, microprobe analysis), or mass spectrometry. Magnetic moment and/or ESR spectroscopic data should also be given for paramagnetic compounds if it is considered that the spin state of the molecule is of especial interest.

(b) Novel or Unexpected Compounds

Compounds in this category are those that either (i) exhibit an unprecedented type of structure, or (ii) are obtained by unexpected reaction. Such compounds require more detailed characterization to ensure their validity. In select instances, a variety of definitive spectroscopic techniques may provide sufficient characterization (for example, if many of the nuclei are NMR active), but in the majority of cases evidence for elemental constitution must be provided by either elemental analysis (e.g. combustion analysis, microprobe analysis), or mass spectrometry. While an X-ray diffraction structure is not considered definitive proof of elemental composition, it is acceptable evidence for composition providing that the results of other physical methods concerning the characterization are conclusive.

(c) Solid State Materials

Compounds in this category are those that have no existence in solution. While X-ray diffraction may provide the most unambiguous characterization of such compounds, evidence for elemental constitution and homogeneity needs to be presented. Atom ratios as determined by, for example, microprobe analysis of selected elements may be sufficient for this purpose

(d) Compounds that have not been isolated

Compounds that have not been isolated in pure form (e.g. reaction intermediates or intractable mixtures, or unstable species) may be published. However, in these circumstances, an explicit statement must be given indicating that the compounds have not been isolated. Only in exceptional circumstances will a paper be published in which none of the new compounds reported has been isolated and fully characterized.

Purity and Yield

The yield and purity of all compounds must be reported, including the methods used to determine them. The yield of a compound obtained in an NMR tube reaction should be determined using an internal standard.

Guidelines for Characterization of Organic Compounds

Sample Quality

For new substances, evidence of the homogeneity the purified sample should be included. Elemental analysis is sufficient. If no analysis was performed, then other evidence (for example, ^1H NMR, ^{13}C NMR, hplc, glpc, gel electrophoresis, etc.) should be included as figures in the Supporting Information.

Molecular Weight

Evidence of molecular weight should be provided, especially if elemental analysis was not performed. Low resolution MS data under conditions that minimize fragmentation are acceptable. If there is a specific need to distinguish alternative formulas with the same molecular mass (within one amu), then HRMS data are necessary.

Miscellaneous

Numerical listings of characteristic spectroscopic data should be included to support assigned structures, changes in functionality, unusual chromophores, properties, etc. Methods of purification used to prepare samples for characterization should be described. For crystalline samples, information about the method of crystallization should be included (solvents; mp; etc.). For non-racemic, chiral substances, data to allow correlation of absolute configuration should be given, preferably including $[\alpha]_D$ values. If correlation data are provided based on hplc or glpc methods, then retention times for both enantiomers must be provided, together with solvent and flow rate information, and identification of the chiral support.

Intermediates on Solid Phase; Combinatorial Chemistry

Validation of methods and characterization of new substances in a statistically significant sampling should be provided. Resin-bound intermediates need not be characterized if acceptable end product quality (as defined in A-C above) is demonstrated.

Spectra. Reproductions of spectra, or the relevant segments thereof, will be published only if concise numerical summaries are inadequate for the purposes of the paper. Papers dealing

primarily with interpretation of spectra and those in which band shape or fine structure needs to be illustrated may be published with such spectra included. Spectra will not be published merely as adjuncts to the characterization of compounds, however. See 'Supporting Information' below. Routine infrared, electronic, NMR, and mass spectra of new compounds should be numerically summarized, as appropriate, in the Experimental Section of an Article or in the Supporting Information of a Communication.

Kinetic and Equilibrium Data. For publication in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*, the reporting of kinetic data and equilibrium binding data for proteins, nucleic acids, and other species should preferably include a description of the identity of the catalyst or binding molecule, its origin, purity of composition, and any modifications such as mutations, post-translational modifications, or other modifications made to facilitate expression and purification. The method of assay and the exact experimental conditions of the assay should be provided as a reference to previous work, with or without modifications, or fully described if a new assay. Conditions essential to reproduce the results such as the temperature, pH, and pressure (if other than atmospheric) of the assay should be included. Terms such as "not detectable" (ND) should be avoided. Instead, an estimate of the limit of detection based on the sensitivity and error analysis of the assay should be provided. Authors are referred to the STRENDA (Standards for Reporting Enzymology Data) Commission of the Beilstein Institut (<http://www.beilstein-institut.de/en/projects/strenda/guidelines>) for an example of detailed guidelines.

Reporting and Stewardship of NMR Data. New guidelines recommend a standard baseline for the submission of NMR data to ACS journals. They are intended to promote accuracy and consistency. The guidelines are divided into three sections: NMR text, which outlines the preferred format for NMR data included in the Experimental Section; NMR spectra, which outlines the preferred format for inclusion of hard copies of spectra in the Supporting Information; and primary NMR data files, which outlines the procedure for submitting FID files, acquisition data, and processing parameters to include in the Supporting Information. Authors are strongly encouraged to provide all three sets of data for all new and/or key compounds described in a manuscript submission.

In the Experimental Section, the compound must be clearly identified, for example in a header at the beginning of the synthetic procedure or the summary of spectroscopic data. List the nucleus being measured, any nucleus being broad-band decoupled, the solvent used (formula preferred, e.g. C₆D₆ over benzene-*d*₆), the standard used, and the field strength. Field strength should be noted for each spectrum, not as a comment in the general Experimental Section. The standard(s) may be specified in the general Experimental Section; as an example, ¹H NMR data recorded in C₆D₆ listed as "residual internal C₆D₅H (7.15)". Indicate solvent or peak suppression protocols used in collecting data. List the probe temperature when it is accurately known; ambient probe temperature is otherwise understood. Give ¹H NMR chemical shifts to two digits after the decimal point. Include the number of protons represented by the signal, peak multiplicity, and coupling constants as needed (*J* italicized, reported with up to one digit after the decimal). The number of bonds through which the coupling is operative, ^x*J*, may be specified by the author if known with a high degree of certainty. Accepted abbreviations for multiplicities and descriptors are s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, quint = quintet, m = multiplet (denotes complex pattern), dd = doublet of doublets, dt = doublet of triplets, td = triplet of doublets, and br = broad signal.

Chemical shifts should be listed consistently in a single article, starting either from downfield to upfield or vice-versa. Assign peak identities under the following circumstances: non-decoupled or equivalent spectra have been collected (¹³C, ³¹P, etc.); 2-D experiments have been performed; or unambiguous assignment is possible without additional experiments, such as in the case of an organometallic metal-hydride ¹H signal, PF₆ vs MPPh₃ ³¹P signal, etc. Give ¹³C chemical shifts to

one digit after the decimal point, unless an additional digit will help distinguish overlapping peaks. Include peak multiplicities for ^1H -coupled ^{13}C NMR spectra or for signals in ^1H -decoupled spectra that are coupled to other magnetically active nuclei. A ^{13}C NMR signal will be considered a singlet if the multiplicity is not assigned. Only rarely is a true multiplet observed in a $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectrum. However, a certain region may contain a group of unresolved peaks or signals. Mention of unobserved resonances is encouraged.

Submission of spectra (.doc, .docx, .txt, .pdf, .tif) is strongly recommended for all new and/or key compounds, following these guidelines:

- A caption should be included on the spectrum, noting the nucleus being measured, the solvent (formula preferred, e.g. C_6D_6 over benzene- d_6) and the field strength.
- A representation of the compound should be included on the spectrum—please use ChemDraw or a related program. The compound identifier used in the manuscript should be included.
- The largest peak in the ^1H NMR spectrum should normally arise from the compound, not the solvent.
- All peaks in the ^1H NMR spectrum should be integrated. Chemical shift values should be included.
- The solvent peak should be clearly labeled on the spectrum.
- All peaks should be visible on the spectrum. Insets are encouraged to show expanded regions. At minimum, the spectral window should be 1 ppm to 9 ppm for ^1H NMR and 10 ppm to 180 ppm for ^{13}C NMR.
- Font should be clear and large enough to read (minimum of 10 point). Horizontal orientation is preferred for spectra.

Submission of primary NMR data files (FID files, acquisition data, processing parameters) is encouraged for all new and/or key compounds. When submitting these files, please consider the following guidelines:

- One folder should be created for each compound. The folder should be named clearly, using the compound name (if available) and compound identifier, as referenced in the Experimental Section or Supporting Information. Include the FID files, acquisition data, and processing parameters for each experiment.
- Name each spectrum according to the type of nucleus measured. ^1H , ^{13}C , DEPT, COSY, etc. NMR files should be compressed into zip files—please use multiple zip files if necessary. Files must be submitted in their native format. In a text document, include the name of the manufacturer of the spectrometer used to collect the data, the acquisition software and processing programs used to analyze the data, and the field strength used to measure each nucleus (i.e., 300 MHz ^1H or 50 MHz ^{13}C). Include a structure file that shows the structure and compound identifier for each provided dataset. MolFile is the recommended format and is strongly preferred.

Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Pulse Sequences. For manuscripts that present new NMR pulse sequences, authors are requested to supply as “Supporting Information for Publication” a file that includes the original working pulse sequence information required to record data. This will typically include the pulse sequence code, parameter set, and other associated files, such as tables of gradient or pulse shapes.

Structural and Chemical Shift Data for Proteins and Nucleic Acids. Any set of atomic

coordinates referred to in the manuscript, including atomic coordinates and structure factors for proteins determined by X-ray crystallography and coordinates determined by NMR, should be deposited with the Protein Data Bank, Research Collaboratory for Structural Bioinformatics at Rutgers University whenever appropriate. (Theoretical model depositions are no longer accepted for inclusion in the PDB archive.) If the coordinate files are not deposited in the PDB, or if the PDB files are on hold until publication, then the coordinate files must be included in the Supporting Information submitted concurrently with the manuscript. Requirements are similar for structures of nucleic acids, which should be deposited with the Nucleic Acid Database. A manuscript that does not provide coordinates at the time of submission will not be sent out for review. It is the responsibility of the author to obtain a file name (PDB ID or NDB ID) for the molecule; the file name must appear in the published manuscript. If a file name has not yet been obtained upon acceptance of a paper, it must be added in proof. Atomic coordinates and structure factors for all structures mentioned must be available immediately upon publication of the paper, either directly in the Supporting Information or as a data bank deposition. Similar requirements also apply to any chemical shifts referred to in the paper, whether they are only for assignment of resonances or used for any form of structure calculation. Those chemical shifts must be available to the reviewer at time of submission, either as an available entry in the Biological Magnetic Resonance Data Bank or included directly as Supporting Information.

Single Crystal Diffraction Data. Manuscripts reporting the determination of one or more structures by X-ray diffraction must adhere to the following requirements:

Abstract. The abstract may summarize geometric features of unusual interest but should not contain unit cell parameters.

Main Body of Manuscript. Tables of essential interatomic distances and angles are *not required* but may be submitted (metric information for standard structural components should not be included).

For structures with anisotropically refined atoms, a figure displaying the thermal ellipsoids should ordinarily be presented; a spherical-atom representation may be substituted if necessary for clarity. If a spherical atom view is chosen for the manuscript, a thermal ellipsoid figure should be included in the Supporting Information. In cases where intermolecular interactions are relevant to the discussion, a view of the unit cell may be included.

An Article should list for each structure the formula, formula weight, crystal system, space group, color of crystal, unit cell parameters, temperature of data collection, and values of Z , R , and GOF; a brief description of data collection and solution and refinement of the structure should be placed in the Experimental Section. Tables of atom coordinates and thermal parameters will not be printed.

Supporting Information. Complete detailed data for each structure must be submitted in the electronic Crystallographic Information File (CIF) format. Deposition of CIF files in the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) does not eliminate the *JACS* requirement to submit the CIF file(s) as Supporting Information.

Authors are requested to combine multiple CIFs for a given manuscript into a single file. The individual structures in the combined file are to be separated from each other by the sequence `#===END` at the beginning of a new line. *JACS* requires authors to run the CheckCIF program for each crystallographic structure and to correct any syntax errors in the CIF file prior to submission. Authors should consult the CIF Submission Instructions listed below **during manuscript**

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Structure factors (except for proteins and nucleic acids) should not be submitted as Supporting Information. However, one printed table of structure factors should be retained in case it is requested by the Editor for review purposes only.

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