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The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics successfully launched its online manuscript submission and tracking system on January 1 of this year. All new submissions to *JPET* since that date have been processed through the new system, which is called Bench>Press (for “bench to press”). Bench>Press can be accessed at <http://submit-jpet.aspetjournals.org/>. Links to the site are available from the *JPET* homepage (<http://jpet.aspetjournals.org>) and from the online Instructions to Authors.

During the first 2 months of operation, more than 70% of new manuscript submissions were made by authors using Bench>Press. Manuscripts mailed to the editorial office were put into Bench>Press for authors by the editorial staff. As of July 1, 2002, all authors must submit their *JPET* manuscripts through Bench>Press. After that date, submissions mailed to the Journal will no longer be processed by the editorial office.

Bench>Press has been well received by the authors, editors, and reviewers of *JPET*. Manuscripts appear to be moving through the online system faster than with the old paper-based system. Still to come are publish-ahead-of-print capabilities for the system. Once completed, Bench>Press will enable accepted manuscripts to be published online at least 2 months ahead of print publication. Accepted articles will be posted on a weekly basis in manuscript form as PDF documents. The manuscript version will remain accessible once the final copy-edited and typeset article is put online.

The use of Bench>Press by all *JPET* authors will improve the efficiency of the Journal's peer-review process and should result in shorter times to publication, benefiting authors and the scientific community.

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