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A Note from the Editor

AJOFAI has exceeded our expectations in the number of manuscripts we have received. This has resulted in some lengthy delays in publishing, for which we apologize. To overcome this problem, we have been forced to adopt a more stringent acceptance policy and wish to advise authors submitting manuscripts of the following:

1. If the manuscript originates outside of Asia, it will not be accepted, unless it has content directly relevant to food and agro-industry research in Asia. An example might be cassava starch. Unless authors are advised of acceptance within one month, they may assume that the paper will not be published.
2. If the manuscript contains content that is country specific, i.e., it may deal with a local food product that is not generally produced elsewhere and the product is known by its local name, it will usually not be accepted. The reason for this is the obvious difficulty in identifying referees and satisfying our readership requirements. Unless authors are advised of acceptance within one month, they may assume that the paper will not be published.
3. If the submitted manuscript is not in the correct format, it will not be accepted. It is a simple matter to open any article already published on the journal web site to determine the correct format. Margins, etc. do not have to be exact. However, we are unable to accept page or line numbering, markup, headers, landscape format and figures or tables not included in the text. **References** should follow our format as closely as possible (e.g., no abbreviations of journal names) and we recommend against using Word's automatic numbering. References within the main text should be numbered, unless quoted. References not included in the text will be deleted. References should not appear in the abstract or the conclusion. Unless authors are advised of acceptance within one month, they may assume that the paper will not be published.

We hope these clarifications will result in speedier publication for those authors who exercise care in submitting their manuscripts. AJOFAI is run on a voluntary basis and there is simply not enough time to respond to each and every email enquiry, particularly those requesting status of their manuscript submission. On current schedule, manuscripts submitted now can anticipate a minimum of six months before publication. We thank you for your patience in this matter.

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