Editorial

The journal you hold represents the first issue of a new publishing enterprise in scientific psychology. The *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review* was created by the Publications Committee of the Psychonomic Society mainly as a vehicle for publishing theory and review papers. The Psychonomic Society currently provides five outlets for other sorts of papers, but none is devoted to theory and review pieces. The *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review* will fill this void. In addition, the journal will publish brief experimental reports, as well as other contributions that we are calling opinion papers.

The purview of the journal is experimental psychology, broadly conceived. The editors will be pleased to receive submissions on topics that pertain to animal learning and behavior, sensation and perception, all aspects of cognitive psychology and psycholinguistics, psychobiology and cognitive neuroscience, and other areas that rely on experimental methods, such as social cognition, cognitive development, and educational psychology. This list is not meant to be exhaustive; the basic aim is to publish papers that will advance the science of psychology.

The *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review* aims to publish papers of the highest quality in the four categories outlined below. Papers in the first three categories may be of any length, although submissions with more than 70 pages of text are strongly discouraged. The fourth category, brief reports, has the page restriction noted below. The categories are as follows:

Theoretical articles. These papers will expound a new theoretical treatment of some problem, or modify an existing theory. Presentation of new data in support of the theory may be included, although these will not typically be in the form (with complete methods and results) necessary for an empirical journal. However, if data are critical to the theory and are not to be published elsewhere, a more complete description may be warranted.

Review articles. These articles will review important issues and phenomena within experimental psychology. Meta-analytic techniques may be used where appropriate.

Opinion articles. This term may not be the best, but articles will be considered that do not necessarily propose any theory or review a circumscribed body of research, but instead comment on general trends in the field, point to new directions, or provide a novel perspective on an old problem.

Brief reports. These will be short experimental papers that will take up a maximum of 4 printed pages (about 18–20 pages of manuscript, including references, figures, and tables). These reports will be refereed and edited, but we aim to have a relatively short decision time on their publishability.

The list of article types is not intended to be complete. The journal may from time to time publish (a) commentary on and rebuttals of published articles, (b) letters to the editor about articles or other matters, and (c) book reviews or critical notices of books that are particularly important.

The *Psychonomic Bulletin & Review* intends to publish the finest work in experimental psychology and cognate areas. We welcome your submissions. Manuscripts should follow the conventions of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. Please submit five copies to the editor.

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