

dorsal muscle of this animal is used in my laboratory for the biological assay of acetylcholine. Other systems have been tried, but none have been found to be sensitive enough for my work. A supplier of this animal is needed so that the main line of research in my laboratory can continue.

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Guide for Biology Referees

The Council of Biology Editors' Committee on editorial policy has asked Franz Ingelfinger and me to draft a guide for referees or reviewers of journal articles.

Our first step is to collect prepared statements now used by journal editors for instructing reviewers. Readers can help by sending copies of such statements to me. We also welcome comments on the reviewing process from editors, referees, or authors.

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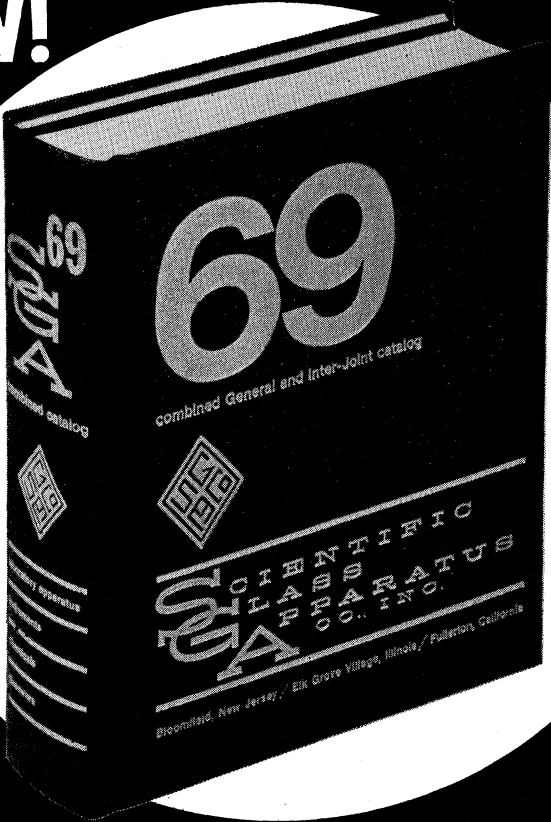
In reference 5 of his article (5 Apr. 1968, p. 28), J. Z. Levinson describes the confusion in the *Journal of the Optical Society of America* where a Dutch name, H. de Lange, Dzn., is indexed under "Dzn." "In Holland, one writes the abbreviation in three letters 'zn' for 'zohn,' preceded by the father's initial," says Levinson.

In Dutch registers, indexes, and telephone directories names such as de Lange, van Allen, and van der Mast are indexed under L, A, and M, respectively, never under D or V. Although Jr. and Sr. are common abbreviations in Dutch, Dzn. (contraction of D-zoon, not zohn) is not. It gives no indication of one's relation to another in terms of age, as Jr. and Sr. do. An abbreviation like Dzn. only identifies someone without indicating the exact family relation.

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