INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS FOR JOURNAL OF HUMAN EVOLUTION

1. JHE concentrates on publishing the highest quality papers covering all aspects of human evolution. The central focus will be aimed jointly at paleoanthropological work, covering human and primate fossils, and comparative studies of living species, including both morphological and molecular evidence. These will include descriptions of new discoveries, interpretive analyses of new and previously described material, and assessments of the phylogeny and paleoecology of primate species. Analytical and interpretive papers will also be considered in areas closely related to primate or human evolution; primate systematics, behaviour and ecology in the context of the evolution of the group involved; functional studies, particularly relating to diet and locomotion; body size and allometric studies; studies in paleoecological and paleoanthropological models for primate and human evolution.

Research papers should contain the maximum density of information compatible with clarity, and every sentence should be scrutinized to ensure that its presence is essential. Authors are requested to write as concisely as possible. Careful preparation of manuscripts will aid prompt publication; carelessness will cause delay. From time to time, the editors will also solicit longer review papers from workers active in particular fields of research, and these will pass through the regular review process. Longer submitted papers can also be considered, subject to limitations on space, covering up to 80 printed pages (approximately 160 manuscript pages including tables and references).

In addition to original research papers, space will be allocated for the rapid publication of short communications on new discoveries, such as exciting new fossils, or on matters of topical interest, such as reports on meetings and comments on recent papers, whether from JHE or elsewhere. For rapid publication, these would normally be less than 2000 words and up to 3 figures. Provided they meet all these criteria they would be allotted space in the next issue going to press. The Journal will also publish Letters to the Editors (averaging 100 words) and solicited reviews of books and papers.

2. Submission of Manuscripts. The original typescript and four copies should be sent to either Fred Spoor, Evolutionary Anatomy Unit, Department of Anatomy & Developmental Biology, University College London, Rockfeller Building, University Street, London WC1E 6JJ, England, or Professor Terry Harrison, Department of Anthropology, New York University, 25 Waverly Place, New York, NY 10003, U.S.A.

3. Preparation of Copy. Papers should be submitted in English. Non-English speaking authors may also submit a summary in their own language, the length of which should not exceed 400 words. Papers should be typewritten in double spacing throughout (including references, tables, legends and footnotes), on one side of A4 (297 x 212 mm) paper with a margin of 2.5 cm all round. The position of tables and illustrations should be indicated in the text; footnotes, tables and legends for illustrations should be typed separately at the end of the manuscript. Figures and tables should generally be comprehensible without reference to the text. All pages should be numbered serially and (except for original) securely fastened together. A short running title of not more than 40 characters (including spaces), suitable for page headings, should be supplied if the full title is longer than this. Manuscripts should be submitted in a complete and finished form and with the author’s complete address. The Editors reserve the right to return unacceptable material to authors for revision.

(a) Abstract. An abstract will be printed at the head of all papers; this should generally not exceed 300 words, and should be intelligible to the general reader without reference to the main text. Abbreviations and literature citations should be avoided.

(b) Keywords. An author-selected selection of keywords should be supplied; this will be printed with the abstract. Keywords may duplicate terms in the title, at the author’s discretion.

(c) Wording of Titles and Abstracts. Authors are asked to pay particular attention to the wording of titles and abstracts, ensuring that they are concise, well phrased and informative.

(d) Section headings. These should not be numbered nor capitalized. Section headings should be centred on the page; subsection headings placed left with text following on the same line (these two are underlined). Further subdivisions of sections should be avoided wherever possible.

(e) Summary. A full summary, perhaps linked with the conclusions, should end the paper. All major points made in the paper should be repeated for the benefit of the reader.

(f) References. References should be listed alphabetically at the end of the paper, arranged as in the following examples.

