

## LiMB – Listing of Molecular Biology Databases

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### Description

The LiMB (Listing of Molecular Biology databases) database is a computer-based collection of information on molecular biology and related databases. LiMB is intended to facilitate locating and accessing these databases as well as to provide an “overview” that will help in developing a systematic, coordinated approach to designing, developing and maintaining these databases.

Each entry in LiMB currently consists of 57 fields, including: database staff names and addresses; database maintenance hardware and software; scope of coverage and database goals; details about submission and access to the data sets; database size; and types of data covered by the database. LiMB entries are based on questionnaires filled out by the database managers or, in the absence of a completed questionnaire, on secondary sources (e.g., a journal article). LiMB is currently maintained in a relational DBMS.

### Network Access

LiMB is not available through direct network access. It can be sent via electronic mail.

### Who Can Use LiMB

There are no access restrictions for LiMB.

### Miscellaneous

LiMB Release 1.0 was issued in February, 1988, Release 2.0 in August, 1990, and Release 3.0 in July, 1992. LiMB is available in flat file format in hardcopy, on a PC- or Mac- formatted floppy disk or via email. Requests to receive LiMB can be sent via email, by phone or by U.S. Post. Please indicate in what form (hardcopy, floppy disk or email) it should be sent.

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