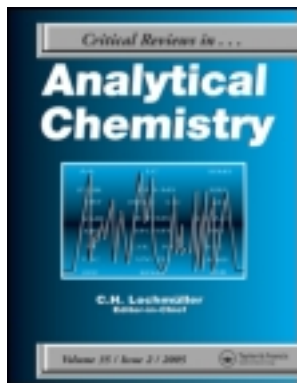


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Dear Readers,

Few people fully appreciate what is involved in developing a compendial method that carries the weight of law. Similarly, few realize the rest inertia that a validated method has. Then there is the problem that methods used for proprietary drugs are the methods used in the early stages of drug development. There is the concern for cost, as in cost per assay, which prevents using the latest state-of-art apparatus.

This is a review journal and many of the papers contain established art discussion for the benefit of those new to an area of measurement. Measurement science is not limited to discussion of established methods nor must all reviews deal with the cutting edge of the latest science. The challenge to maintain balance is left to reviewers and to the Editor.

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**Prof. C. H. Lochmüller**  
**Editor-in-Chief**

