

EDITORIAL

This issue has been compiled because over the last few months an unusually large number of papers dealing with techniques and applications of thin-layer chromatography have been received by this office.

In one case several laboratories had worked out techniques for the separation of steroids and related compounds and had reported their results within several days of each other. Hence it was decided to collect all recent papers on thin-layer chromatography into one issue so as to facilitate a comprehensive view of the techniques involved.

It has been the editor's opinion for some time that interesting results could be obtained by applying the R_M value concept to structure- R_F value relationships for adsorption systems. Thin-layer chromatography has produced much more data for such work than adsorption column chromatography. It is hoped that the information collected in this issue will help to stimulate work in this direction.

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