

## Editorial

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When the *Journal of Chromatography* was founded almost 20 years ago, the CHROMATOGRAPHIC DATA section was intended as a type of abstracts service to cover the chromatographic literature which was (and still is) dispersed among various other journals of analytical chemistry, pure chemistry, biochemistry and clinical chemistry. We preferred to select data rather than to publish abstracts in order to avoid duplication with abstracting services, and because a list of  $R_F$  or  $K_d$  values, while not necessarily absolute or reproducible, does give a good idea of the practical possibilities of particular chromatographic systems.

From the start the publication of the DATA section gave rise to the problem of how to locate easily the information which was published at the end of each issue of the journal, usually in a few pages. One attempt to solve this was to number the data pages separately so that they could be bound together at the end of the year. We also prepared some comprehensive  $R_F$  indexes.

Retrieval of the data became more complicated, however, when the frequency of publication of the journal increased first to twice and more recently to three times a month. Faced with the problem of whether to spread the DATA over all of the issues or to concentrate them in a few issues, we have decided to adopt the latter course. From 1977 on, the data will be collected into *Chromatographic Reviews*, because as the data are mainly abstracted from the published literature they are best associated with the review articles. The DATA section pages will again be numbered separately so that it will be possible to bind them together at the end of each volume.

Continuing on the topic of data, we would like to encourage authors to submit more **unpublished data**. We have often accepted these in the past but feel that there are still much data that merit publication as such although they may not warrant publication in the form of a paper.

The new technique of high-performance liquid chromatography has produced a wealth of new data. We have decided (in accordance with Done *et al.*<sup>1</sup>) that this type of data is best shown in the form of figures. Here again we would like to invite the submission of unpublished results.

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## REFERENCE

- 1 J. N. Done, J. H. Knox and J. Loheac, *Applications of High Speed Liquid Chromatography*, Wiley, London, 1974.