

## BOOK REVIEW

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### A Review of *Drug Metabolite Isolation & Determination*

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**REFERENCE:** Reid, E. and Leppard, J. P., *Drug Metabolite Isolation & Determination*, Plenum Press, 233 Spring St., New York, NY 10013, 1984, 289 pp., \$42.50.

This is the twelfth volume in a series entitled "Methodological Surveys in Biochemistry and Analysis," edited by Dr. Eric Reid of the University of Surrey; it is the second such volume discussed by this reviewer (see *Journal of Analytical Toxicology*, Vol. 3, 1979, p. 224). While Dr. Reid has "cleaned up" his literary act significantly over the years, having recently refrained from using wraparound sentences and footnotes to footnotes, he was apparently unable to restrain entirely his double-jointed typist in the latest volume. The result, a collection of 30 articles by some 52 contributors (including our own Rokus de Zeeuw), is a multifaceted, perhaps eclectic, presentation of approaches to drug analysis in biological fluids that is occasionally marred by the cryptic editorial style that has become the trademark of this series.

Forensic toxicologists will especially appreciate the chapters on problems encountered when assaying low concentrations of drugs by HPLC (C. R. Jones), extraction techniques for drugs and metabolites from plasma and urine (M. J. Stewart), identification of benzodiazepine metabolites (I. D. Watson), HPLC analysis of urinary hydroxyethylflurazepam (J. A. F. de Silva), and column extraction for psychoactive drugs (R. G. Muusze). Individuals who spend a substantial amount of time on new method development would do well to digest the information in this volume. Many of the chapters and all of the comments sections are written in a conversational style that allows the reader to extract the essential analytical details that are often left out of more formal publications.

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