While the change in emphasis would appear to be arbitrary and does lead to some duplication of material, this is not a serious difficulty. It does, however, serve to illustrate the completely independent nature of individual chapters. Each review is designed to stand alone without cross references to other chapters nor is the progressive interchapter development of concepts attempted.

It is evident from the chapter titles given above that material significant to a work on steroid analysis is being covered. However, a real problem in balance must be raised. Forty percent of the present volume is devoted to the chapter on paper chromatography. This certainly is at the expense of other, at least equally as important, material such as the physical methods. One can only hope that thin-layer chromatography and column chromatography will have its day in Volume II.

The editor has implied in his preface that the book is designed primarily for the biologist. For the most part, a format of general discussion of the technique followed by specific applications in the steroid area is employed and serves the biologist well. By necessity, the discussion of techniques are brief and serve essentially to introduce the subject. It is, therefore, the use of steroid examples that recommends the book to not only the biologist but also to the analyst who lacks experience in the steroid field.

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