

Preface



This special issue of *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* focuses on the importance of separation techniques for pharmaceutical, biomedical and environmental applications and is dedicated to Professor Terumichi Nakagawa on the occasion of his retirement and his 63rd birthday.

Born in Dalian, in former Manchuria, Professor Nakagawa studied Pharmaceutical Sciences at the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University, and started his scientific career at the same Faculty. He was promoted to full Professor in 1989 also at Kyoto University. He served as Dean

of the Graduate School of Pharmaceutical Sciences and the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Kyoto University for 2 years from 2000 to 2001. Everyone working in the field covered by *The Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* knows Professor Nakagawa as one of the experts in this field. His main interest is development of new separation methods [HPLC, CE, high-performance frontal analysis (HPFA)] and their application to analysis of drugs in biomedical samples. One of his most important achievements is the development of an HPFA method, which can be applied for the determination of drug and protein interactions using separation techniques such as HPLC and CE. The method will be especially useful for the microanalysis of endogenous active substances and several kinds of biopolymers.

Professor Nakagawa has written over 200 scientific papers, and has been awarded a number of professional honors, including the Award of Academic Contribution, The Pharmaceutical Society of Japan, the Award of Japan Society for Analytical Chemistry, and the Award of Molecular Chirality. He served as an Editor of *The Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* for 7 years from 1992 to 1999, and he organized the 7th International Symposium on Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis (PBA'96; Osaka, Japan, 1996). Although Professor Nakagawa will retire from Kyoto University, he will still be active in research and education. Also, he will enjoy his life by playing golf and singing a song¹.

¹ R. Moaddel, I.W. Wainer, in this issue.

Finally, we, the editors of special volumes, would like to express our sincere gratitude to the authors who submitted their manuscripts.

On the occasion of his retirement and 63rd birthday, his friends, colleagues and former students, many of whom currently occupy senior positions in academia and pharmaceutical industries wish him good health and success in the future.

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