



Editorial

The editors are very pleased to announce that the *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* has been experiencing an increase in the number of papers submitted to the journal. This steady increase in submissions will require the journal to become more strict in its editorial policy and to reject papers that do not closely fit the journal's aims and scope. To this effect, authors are encouraged to carefully read the revised aims and scope of the journal, and to consider the following criteria before submitting a paper to the *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis*:

- In all submissions to the journal, authors must address the question of how their proposed methodology compares with previously reported methods. Authors must explain why the manuscript is of interest for the readers of the journal.
- Studies reported should be supported by a demonstration of the application of the method to actual samples
- All experimental data should be clearly presented in the 'Materials and Methods' section.
- Discussion of the optimisation procedure for the proposed method/assay should be given in detail.
- The proposed method/procedure should be fully validated (if appropriate): Specificity (Selectivity), Precision (repeatability, intermediate precision, reproducibility), Accuracy, Linearity, Range, Limit of detection, Limit of quantitation, Robustness, Ruggedness
- Figures should only be used to improve the quality of the manuscript. No straight lines may be given in a Figure. Tables should be used to present data in a structured way.
- All relevant references should be incorporated in the manuscript and be up-to-date. References with the indication 'Submitted' 'Accepted' or 'In Press' of the same Author(s) should be carefully checked.

The Author(s) should make clear that there is new valuable information in the submitted manuscript. In principle, 'Personal Notes/Communications' and 'Manuscripts Submitted' should not be incorporated in the 'List of References'. References should have the following style:

Reference to a journal publication:

- [1] J. van der Geer, J.A.J. Hanraads, R.A. Lupton, *J. Sci. Commun.* 163 (2000) 51–59.

Reference to a book:

- [2] W. Strunk Jr., E.B. White, *The Elements of Style*, third ed., Macmillan, New York, 1979.

Reference to a chapter in an edited book:

- [3] G.R. Mettam, L.B. Adams, in: B.S. Jones, R.Z. Smith (Eds.), *Introduction to the Electronic Age*, E-Publishing, Inc. New York, 1994, pp. 281–304.

Journal names should be abbreviated according to CAS (Chemical Abstracts Service): <http://www.cas.org/>

Revised Aims and Scope:

This journal is an international medium for the publication of original research reports and authoritative reviews on pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis. It covers the interdisciplinary aspects of analysis in the pharmaceutical and biomedical sciences, including relevant developments in analytical methodology, instrumentation, computation and interpretation. Submissions on novel applications focussing on individual groups of drugs, drug stability studies, pharmacokinetics, therapeutic monitoring, metabolic profiling; drug-related aspects of analytical biochemistry and forensic toxicology; quality assur-

ance and drug-related topics of health and safety in the pharmaceutical industry are welcome.

Since classical spectrophotometric (including derivative spectrophotometry), measurements and applications, solvent extraction, basic electroanalytical methods, titrimetry, etc. are well established, studies in such areas should demonstrate a unique and substantial advantage over presently known systems. Studies reporting such work should also be supported by a demonstration of the application of the method to actual samples. In determining the suitability of submitted articles for publication, particular scrutiny will be placed on the degree of novelty and significance of the research and the extent to which it adds to existing knowledge in pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis. In all submissions to the journal, authors must address the question of how their proposed methodology compares with previously reported methods. A substantial body of work cannot be fractionated into different shorter papers.

The journal is directed towards the needs of academic, clinical, government and industrial analysis and presents a unique forum for the discussion of current developments at the interface between pharmaceutical, biochemical and clinical analysis.

Authors are welcome to submit papers meeting the above requirements, to one of the editors, either online (via <http://authors.elsevier.com/journal/jpba>) or by

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