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This is a first thematic issue of *Journal of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Analysis* on the application of hyphenated techniques in this field.

Preface

I am pleased to mention that the idea about this special issue was enthusiastically accepted by all contributors. This allowed me to assemble a quite balanced collection of interesting papers about recent developments in this field.

I would like to thank all authors and reviewers for their contribution that made this issue possible. We plan to publish a thematic issue on the application of hyphenated techniques in pharmaceutical and biomedical analysis on an annual basis the deadline for the next issue to be September 30, 2006.

All critical remarks, opinions and suggestions regarding this and forthcoming special issues on this topic are very much welcome by the editor.

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