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BOOKS

"Analysis of Neuropeptides by Liquid Chromatography and Mass Spectrometry," by Dominic M. Desiderio, Elsevier Science Publishers, Amsterdam & New York, 1984, 236 pages, \$63.50 (US).

This book deals with three growing fields of science: endogenous biologically important peptides, HPLC, and mass spectrometry. This book reviews the pertinent features of the three areas and demonstrates a new method of analysis of biologically important peptides. Dr. Desiderio points out, in his introduction, that some of the possible roles this volume can play involve facilitating communication between techniques and research areas and stimulating cross-fertilization of ideas between the two particularly in neuropeptide research.

"Affinity Chromatography - Template Chromatography of Nucleic Acids and Proteins," Herbert Schott, Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York & Basel, 1984, 234 pages.

Affinity Chromatography provides special new perspectives and experimental approaches for the immobilization of nucleic acids, polynucleotides and nucleic acid components, e.g. isolation of DNA, DNA fragments, RNA and mRNA, protein isolation and enzymic synthesis, and utilization of polynucleotide degradation and peptide-nucleotide interactions.

"Advances in Chromatography, Volume 24," J. C. Giddings, E. Grushka, J. Cazes, P. R. Brown, eds., Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York and Basel, 1984, 335 pages.

This continuing series presents critical current reviews of the most important developments in chromatographic science. Included in this volume are chapters dealing with Some Basic Statistical Methods for Chromatographic Data, Multifactor Optimization of HPLC Conditions, Statistical and Graphical Methods of Isocratic Solvent Selection for Optimal Separation in Liquid Chromatography, Electrochemical Detectors for LC, Reversed-Flow Gas Chromatography Applied to

Physicochemical Measurements, Development of High-Speed Countercurrent Chromatography, Determination of the Solubility of Cases in Liquids by Gas-Liquid Chromatography, and Multiple Detection in Gas Chromatography.