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An advance in any technique is normally a combination of effort by many people. The same is true in the HPLC of biomolecules and I fully agree with the following observation by Dr. Hearn. "The fusion of skills from biochemists, chromatographers, analytical chemists, and biologists over the past 20 years now means that to a large extent the separation and analysis of bio-macromolecules are not simply based on empirical recipes and intuition of the experimental scientist but increasingly on a rational, strategic framework incorporating structural and functional knowledge on the molecular properties, attributes, and vagaries of the particular biosubstances. Consequently, modern biochromatographic methods have taken on a dimension much larger than other separation methods because of their versatility as ultramicroanalytical procedures through to large process scale preparative procedures."

This book addresses these issues in a number of ways through a detailed examination of contemporary topics and applications of high-performance liquid chromatography and related techniques in the analysis and purification of biomolecules, such as peptides, proteins, and polynucleotides. The general concepts, applications, and physicochemical consequences of these high-resolution separation procedures are presented with the aim to provide students, teachers, and researchers in all facets of the life sciences, and biomedicine and biotechnology in particular, with a concise, yet comprehensive assessment of the essential issues and their solutions.

Although the 22 chapters of the book are written by different scientists, the editor has eliminated any duplication and repetition of material. In chapter 22, references 6 and 7 were switched. The book is well written and definitely is a good reference to have.

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