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Biogenic amines are bioactive compounds distributed in foods of all origins. Apart from their fundamental role in many bodily functions, there has recently been great interest in their toxicological potential, much research is being carried out to understand their occurrence related to both desired and undesired fermentative phenomena, chemical spoilage, low hygienic conditions, wrong handling, and criticism about technological factors of process and storage conditions. All these causes can contribute to a higher content of biogenic amines in food, particularly of those hazardous to human health. This book aims to collect scientific studies looking for new tools to limit the over-production of biogenic amines in food, search for new food sources of biogenic amines, and to spotlight the concept of safe food and bioactive amines content.

This volume discusses the latest analytical approaches used to sample defined molecular populations of metabolites via functional group derivatization, specialized chromatographic methods, and ionization techniques. Chapters cover key methods for sample introductions to the ion source, including direct flow, gas chromatography, liquid chromatography, and capillary electrophoresis. Chapters also explore non-targeted and targeted analyses, as well as the emerging field of metallomics. In the Neuromethods series style, chapters include the kind of detail and key advice from the specialists needed to get successful results in your laboratory. Cutting-edge and authoritative, Metabolomics is a valuable resource for students, researchers, practicing physicians and veterinarians, and administrators involved in the funding of research.

Natural Products Isolation: Second Edition presents a practical overview of just how natural products can be extracted, prepared, and isolated from the source material. Maintaining the main theme and philosophy of the first edition, this second edition incorporates all the new significant developments in this field of research. The chapters are divided into four distinct sections: introduction, extraction, chromatography, and special topics. This second edition provides substantial background information for natural product researchers and will prove a useful reference guide to all of the available techniques.

This volume provides various techniques and methodologies currently used in the study of MERS-CoV. Chapters are divided into four parts detailing evolution and entry of MERS-coronavirus, genetic alteration and structural determination of MERS-coronavirus proteins, quantitation of virus and anti-viral factors, and mouse models for MERS -coronavirus. Written in the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and cutting-edge, MERS Coronavirus: Methods and Protocols aims to ensure successful results in the further study of this vital field.

This volume features a comprehensive set of protocols featuring a range of both old and new technologies that can be used to analyze drugs of abuse, including prescription drugs, new psychoactive substances and psychoactive plants. Chapters guide readers through the application of color tests, light microscopy-based particle imaging, GC-MS, Raman spectroscopy, capillary electrophoresis, ultra-high performance LC-tandem MS, DART-MS, MALDI-mass spectrometry imaging, LC-MS/MS and HPLC-ESI-MS/MS to the analysis of abused drugs in wastewater, hair, urine and plant-derived materials, among other matrices. Written in the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and cutting-edge, Analysis of Drugs of Abuse aims to ensure successful results in the further study of this vital field.

Food cannot be only considered a combination of constituents with different nutritional values, but its relevance for humans can be fully understood by also taking into account other aspects such as history, culture, ecology, and the environment. Overall, assuming that access to food is secured for all people, traditional dietary patterns are considered safe in terms of longevity, healthy ageing, and morbidity. Indeed, healthy diets have been associated with a reduced risk and incidence of chronic degenerative diseases including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, metabolic syndrome, certain types of cancers, and neurodegenerative disorders. In general, healthy dietary habits include a low consumption of refined sugars, red meat, and saturated fats, as well as a high intake of fruit, vegetables, legumes, low-fat dairy products, and healthy lipids (from seafood). As an example, the Mediterranean diet can be considered the archetype of a health-promoting lifestyle by virtue of the phytochemical diversity of its food components.

This volume details the principles and instrumentation of gas chromatography-mass spectrometry (GC-MS), and outlines industrial, environmental, pharmaceutical, clinical, toxicological, forensic and food-related applications, revealing findings from the laboratories of 40 contributing scientists around the world using GC-MS in practice. It describes upstream and downstream applications of GC-MS in the petroleum industry and identifies chlorinated compounds in the environment with quadrupole ion-trap technology and high-resolution sector instruments.

This volume describes methods and protocols for a number of drugs and toxins in a stepwise manner. Chapters in the book cover a wide array of topics such as: quantitation of Flecainide, Mexiletine, Propafenone, and Amiodarone in Serum or Plasma; quantitation of total Buprenorphine and Norbuprenorphine in Meconium; quantitation of Carisoprodol and Meprobamate in Urine; and quantitation of Tricyclic Antidepressants in Serum. Each chapter contains a brief introduction to the topic, clinical utility of the analyte(s), and useful notes to help laboratorians easily reproduce the protocols discussed. Written in the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and thorough, Clinical Applications of Mass Spectrometry in Drug Analysis: Methods and Protocols, is a great resource for laboratorians who are already using mass spectrometry or thinking of introducing this technology to their laboratories. In this Festschrift celebrating the career of Thom H. Dunning, Jr., selected researchers in theoretical chemistry present research highlights on major developments in the field. Originally published in the journal Theoretical Chemistry Accounts, these outstanding contributions are now available in a hardcover print format, as well as a special electronic edition. This volume provides valuable content for all researchers in theoretical chemistry and will especially benefit those research groups and libraries with limited access to the journal.

This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Bioconversion Processes" that was published in Fermentation. A timely and authoritative review of the current state of selective detector technology. This book was written for

professionals who need to keep abreast of the latest developments and emerging trends in selective detectors and their applications. It comprises contributions from many of the leading innovators and pioneers in the field, including James Lovelock, inventor of the electron capture detector, whose own contribution is certain to be a rich source of ideas and inspiration for all who read it. Offering a balanced presentation of theory and practice, *Selective Detectors: Reviews* the theory and underlying principles of a broad range of devices. Discusses, in detail, capabilities and current applications, with an emphasis on interdisciplinary applications, including environmental, petrochemical, biomedical, and quality control. Explores, in depth, the latest advances and emerging technologies. Arms readers with a wealth of practical "how-to" information on selecting, using, modifying, and building selective detectors for a wide range of applications. Future historians studying the late twentieth century will almost certainly come to view the advent of selective detectors as among the truly formative technological developments of the period. Anyone who doubts this thesis need only consider the impact of selective detection on environmental quality, the sciences, technology, medicine, business and industry, public policy, quality control, and many other fields. Yet, despite the obvious importance of selective detectors, there continues to be a scarcity of books dedicated to helping professionals keep abreast of the latest developments and emerging trends in this influential technology. This timely and authoritative review of the current state of selective detector technology fills that gap. This book focuses on the newest selective detectors for chromatographic analysis. Conceived and shepherded into existence by a major figure in analytical chemistry and environmental analysis, it includes contributions from many of the leading innovators and pioneers in the field. Most prominent among these is Dr. James Lovelock, inventor of the electron capture detector, whose chapter on the history and development of selective detectors will be a rich source of ideas and inspiration for all who read it. Offering a balanced presentation of theory and practice, *Selective Detectors* reviews the theory and underlying principles of selective detectors; discusses, in detail, their current capabilities and applications; explores the latest advances and emerging technologies; and arms readers with a wealth of practical "how-to" information on selecting, using, modifying, and building selective detectors for a wide range of applications. *Selective Detectors* is an invaluable resource for analytical chemists and technicians working in a variety of disciplines, including environmental science, petrochemical industries, the food and beverage industries, biotechnology, medicine, and more.

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This volume provides stepwise instructions for the analysis of numerous clinically important analytes by mass spectrometry. Mass spectrometry offers clinical laboratory scientists a number of advantages including increased sensitivity and specificity, multiple component analysis, and no need for specialized reagents. The techniques described are a must for the measurement of many clinically relevant analytes in the fields of drug analysis, endocrinology, and inborn errors of metabolism. Each chapter provides a brief introduction about a specified analyte, followed by detailed instructions on the analytical protocol. Written in the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology* series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Cutting edge and practical, *Clinical Applications of Mass Spectrometry in Biomolecular Analysis: Methods and Protocols* is a great resource for clinical laboratory scientists who are already using or thinking of bringing mass spectrometry to their laboratories. Who took 1970's porn esthetic and made it fashion chic? Terry Richardson. Who made the trailer park trendy and the tractor hat de rigueur? Richardson again. Who's equally at home in *Vogue*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *Purple* and *Vice*? Our boy Terry. Who uses his fashion money to fund an X-rated website? Yes, Richardson. And who can't resist getting his clothes off and jumping in front of his own lens? Well, that would be Terry Richardson as well. Porn stars, supermodels, transsexuals, hillbillies, friends, pets, and celebrities all do for his lens what they'll do for no other. And if anyone ever wonders why they did it, just blame it on Terryworld, where taboos are null and void, and fashion finds sex a perfect fit. The Artist's Edition comes in a clear plastic case with 4 personally selected limited-edition Terryprints and a Terrybear (a little teddy bear with Terry's face on it).

Miriam, a freshman Calculus student at Louisiana State University, made 37.5% on her first exam but 83% and 93% on the next two. Matt, a first year General Chemistry student at the University of Utah, scored 65% and 55% on his first two exams and 95% on his third—These are representative of thousands of students who decisively improved their grades by acting on the advice described in this book. What is preventing your students from performing according to expectations? Sandra McGuire offers a simple but profound answer: If you teach students how to learn and give them simple, straightforward strategies to use, they can significantly increase their learning and performance. For over a decade Sandra McGuire has been acclaimed for her presentations and workshops on metacognition and student learning because the tools and strategies she shares have enabled faculty to facilitate dramatic improvements in student learning and success. This book encapsulates the model and ideas she has developed in the past fifteen years, ideas that are being adopted by an increasing number of faculty with considerable effect. The methods she proposes do not require restructuring courses or an inordinate amount of time to teach. They can often be accomplished in a single session, transforming students from memorizers and regurgitators to students who begin to think critically and take responsibility for their own learning. Sandra McGuire takes the reader sequentially through the ideas and strategies that students need to understand and implement. First, she demonstrates how introducing students to metacognition and Bloom's Taxonomy reveals to them the importance of understanding how they learn and provides the lens through which they can view learning activities and measure their intellectual growth. Next, she presents a specific study system that can quickly empower students to maximize their learning. Then, she addresses the importance of dealing with emotion, attitudes, and motivation by suggesting ways to change students' mindsets about ability and by providing a range of strategies to

boost motivation and learning; finally, she offers guidance to faculty on partnering with campus learning centers. She pays particular attention to academically unprepared students, noting that the strategies she offers for this particular population are equally beneficial for all students. While stressing that there are many ways to teach effectively, and that readers can be flexible in picking and choosing among the strategies she presents, Sandra McGuire offers the reader a step-by-step process for delivering the key messages of the book to students in as little as 50 minutes. Free online supplements provide three slide sets and a sample video lecture. This book is written primarily for faculty but will be equally useful for TAs, tutors, and learning center professionals. For readers with no background in education or cognitive psychology, the book avoids jargon and esoteric theory.

The different LC-MS techniques available today were developed to suit specific analytical needs and the application range covered by each one is wide, but still limited. GC amenable compounds can be all analyzed with a single GC-MS system whereas HPLC applications call for specific LC-MS instrumental arrangements. ESI, APCI, APPI, and EI are ionization techniques that can be combined with different analyzers, in single or tandem configuration, to create the ultimate system for a certain application. Once approaching LC-MS for a specific need, the fast technical evolution and the variegated commercial offer can induce confusion in the potential user. The role of this book is to enlighten the state-of-the-art of LC-MS evolution through a series of contributions written by the people that brought major, recent innovations in the field. Each chapter will take into consideration the novelties, the advantages and the possible applications covered by a particular technical solution. The book will also include new analytical methods that can provide benefits using the most recent innovations in LC-MS plus a certain number of key applications. - Contains contributions from major innovators in the field - Covers the latest developments in the field of LC-MS - Gives a clear outline on the advantages of various techniques and their applications

This expansive and practical textbook contains organic chemistry experiments for teaching in the laboratory at the undergraduate level covering a range of functional group transformations and key organic reactions. The editorial team have collected contributions from around the world and standardized them for publication. Each experiment will explore a modern chemistry scenario, such as: sustainable chemistry; application in the pharmaceutical industry; catalysis and material sciences, to name a few. All the experiments will be complemented with a set of questions to challenge the students and a section for the instructors, concerning the results obtained and advice on getting the best outcome from the experiment. A section covering practical aspects with tips and advice for the instructors, together with the results obtained in the laboratory by students, has been compiled for each experiment. Targeted at professors and lecturers in chemistry, this useful text will provide up to date experiments putting the science into context for the students.

This book gathers the various aspects of the porous polymer field into one volume. It not only presents a fundamental description of the field, but also describes the state of the art for such materials and provides a glimpse into the future. Emphasizing a different aspect of the ongoing research and development in porous polymers, the book is divided into three sections: Synthesis, Characterization, and Applications. The first part of each chapter presents the basic scientific and engineering principles underlying the topic, while the second part presents the state of the art results based on those principles. In this fashion, the book connects and integrates topics from seemingly disparate fields, each of which embodies different aspects inherent in the diverse field of porous polymeric materials.

In this data book, both conventional Py-GC/MS where thermal energy alone is used to cause fragmentation of given polymeric materials and reactive Py-GC/MS in the presence of organic alkaline for condensation polymers are compiled. Before going into detailed presentation of the data, however, acquiring a firm grip on the proper understanding about the situation of Py-GC/MS would promote better utilization of the following pyrolysis data for various polymers samples. This book incorporates recent technological advances in analytical pyrolysis methods especially useful for the characterization of 163 typical synthetic polymers. The book briefly reviews the instrumentation available in advanced analytical pyrolysis, and offers guidance to perform effectually this technique combining with gas chromatography and mass spectrometry. Main contents are comprehensive sample pyrograms, thermograms, identification tables, and representative mass spectra (MS) of pyrolyzates for synthetic polymers. This edition also highlights thermally-assisted hydrolysis and methylation technique effectively applied to 33 basic condensation polymers. Coverage of Py-GC/MS data of conventional pyrograms and thermograms of basic 163 kinds of synthetic polymers together with MS and retention index data for pyrolyzates, enabling a quick identification Additional coverage of the pyrograms and their related data for 33 basic condensation polymers obtained by the thermally-assisted hydrolysis and methylation technique All compiled data measured under the same experimental conditions for pyrolysis, gas chromatography and mass spectrometry to facilitate peak identification Surveyable instant information on two facing pages dedicated to the whole data of a given polymer sample

This beautiful book will show you just how easily broth can be incorporated into home cooked, family meals, providing delicious health benefits for everyone. Looking back through history, at different cultures - even as recently as two generations ago, bone broth has been an important part of the daily diet. Broth provides so many health benefits. It helps heal and seal the gut, reduces joint pain and inflammation, enhances hair and nail growth and promotes healing, to name a few. *¿Bone Broth Basics¿* is packed with delicious, everyday recipes using fresh, whole ingredients that everyone will enjoy. It will give you the confidence to embrace the simplicity of broth making and the tools to create positive health changes that will benefit the whole family.

Gas chromatography continues to be one of the most widely used analytical techniques, since its applications today expand into fields such as biomarker research or metabolomics. This new practical textbook enables the reader to make full use of gas chromatography. Essential fundamentals and their implications for the practical work at the instrument are provided, as well as details on the instrumentation such as inlet systems, columns and detectors. Specialized techniques

from all aspects of GC are introduced ranging from sample preparation, solvent-free injection techniques, and pyrolysis GC, to separation including fast GC and comprehensive GCxGC and finally detection, such as GC-MS and element-specific detection. Various fields of application such as enantiomer, food, flavor and fragrance analysis, physicochemical measurements, forensic toxicology, and clinical analysis are discussed as well as cutting-edge application in metabolomics is covered.

A step-by-step guide to building an electric motorcycle from the ground up Written by alternative fuel expert Carl Vogel, this hands-on guide gives you the latest technical information and easy-to-follow instructions for building a two-wheeled electric vehicle--from a streamlined scooter to a full-sized motorcycle. Build Your Own Electric Motorcycle puts you in hog heaven when it comes to hitting the road on a reliable, economical, and environmentally friendly bike. Inside, you'll find complete details on every component, including motor, batteries, and frame. The book covers electric motorcycles currently on the market and explains how to convert an existing vehicle. Pictures, diagrams, charts, and graphs illustrate each step along the way. Whether you want to get around town on a sleek ride or cruise the super slab on a tricked-out chopper, this is the book for you. Build Your Own Electric Motorcycle covers: Energy savings and environmental benefits Rake, trail, and fork angle Frame and design Batteries and chargers DC and AC motor types Motor controllers Accessories and converters Electrical system and wiring Conversion process Safety, maintenance, and troubleshooting The volume brings together some of the best experts in the field of modern metabolomics to discuss various techniques used today to study specific metabolite classes, and metabolomics in bacterial systems and mammalian systems. The chapters in this book cover topics such as Isotopic Ratio Outlier Analysis (IROA) for quantitative analysis; cholesterol and derivatives in ocular tissues using LC-MS/MS methods; microbial siderophores analysis by mass spectrometry; the metabolomic study of tissues in Parkinson's Disease; and NMR analysis in livestock metabolomics. Written in the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series format, the chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step readily reproducible laboratory protocols, tips on troubleshooting and avoiding pitfalls. Cutting-edge and thorough, *Metabolomics: Methods and Protocols* is an essential resource for any researcher interested in this exciting and evolving field.

This volume explores the different approaches and techniques used by researchers to study the recent challenges and developments in metabolic profiling. This book is divided into IV parts. Part I contains chapters that highlight basic concepts, such as experimental design, data treatment, metabolite identification, and harmonization. Part II describes experimental protocols for both targeted and untargeted metabolomics covering the basic analytical technologies: LC-MS, GC-MS, NMR and CE-MS. In addition the protocols describe methods for the study of tissues, feces, blood and other types of biological samples as well as the application of chemical derivatization for GC-MS. Parts III and IV present the use of metabolomics in the study of food, plants and the life sciences, with examples from the quest for the discovery of disease biomarkers, physical exercise omics and metabolic profiling of food, fruit and wine. Written in the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and thorough, *Metabolic Profiling: Methods and Protocols* is a valuable resource for researchers who are interested in expanding their knowledge of this rapidly developing field.

This volume provides an overview of commonly used methods and protocols for cell fitness indicators. Chapters detail biochemical, fluorescence and luminescence-based strategies, computational, and label-free methodologies for assaying cellular viability by means of e.g. viscoelastic properties, impedance and multiphoton microscopy. Written in the highly successful Methods in Molecular Biology series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and tips on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and practical, *Cell Viability Assays: Methods and Protocols* aims to ensure successful results in the further study of this vital field.

Whole genome amplification generates microgram quantities of genomic DNA starting from as little as a few femtograms and is a vital technique when sample material is limited. *Whole Genome Amplification: Methods Express* is a comprehensive up-to-date laboratory manual for this key technique.

Reporting on the latest advances in molecular asymmetry, it explores the development of stereochemical analysis and its applications to the biosciences. Applications to pharmacology and therapeutics, food and beverage chemistry, the study of pesticides and other xenobiotics are also covered. Chapters examine the molecular principles of chiral recognition and biological selectivity and discuss stereoselectivity in drug action and metabolism. Some of the specific issues covered include: gas and liquid chromatography of enantiomers on chiral stationary phases; stereochemical assays of chiral drugs; pyrethroid isomers; configurational modification of peptide hormones; chiral fruit flavors; and human pharmacokinetics of enantiomers administered as racemates.

In a number of European countries (e.g., Spain, Italy, France, Portugal, Slovenia, Croatia, Poland), a portion of the pig sector is aimed at the production of traditional and certified products (e.g., PDO—Protected Designation of Origin, PGI—Protected Geographical Indication). Dry-cured ham is probably the most famous traditional pork product; however, typical pork products are produced in (and exported to) many countries worldwide. The meat used for producing these high-quality delicacies needs to be suitable for seasoning and dry-curing, and these characteristics are the result of complex interactions between the animal (breed, genotype, rearing condition, feeding regime, age and weight at slaughter, etc.) and the environment, without disregarding the importance of ethical attributes such as animal welfare and the environmental impact. This Special Issue focuses on all the innovative production strategies for pigs intended for high-quality, typical productions (in term of higher sustainability of the whole production chain, improvement of animal welfare, innovative feeding and farming techniques, reduction in environmental impact, improvement in meat and fat quality, etc.), with emphasis on PDOs, PGIs, and other recognized production schemes, and it is aimed at providing new insights for a wide range of stakeholders from different countries.

Slow sand filtration is typically cited as being the first "engineered" process in drinking-water treatment. Proven modifications to the conventional slow sand filtration process, the awareness of induced biological activity in riverbank filtration systems, and the growth of oxidant-induced biological removals in more rapid-rate filters (e.g. biological activated carbon) demonstrate the renaissance of biofiltration as a treatment process that remains viable for both small, rural communities and major cities. Biofiltration is expected to become even more common in the future as efforts intensify to decrease the presence of disease-causing microorganisms and disinfection by-products in drinking water, to minimize microbial regrowth potential in distribution systems, and where operator skill levels are emphasized. Recent

Progress in Slow Sand and Alternative Biofiltration Processes provides a state-of-the-art assessment on a variety of biofiltration systems from studies conducted around the world. The authors collectively represent a perspective from 23 countries and include academics, biofiltration system users, designers, and manufacturers. It provides an up-to-date perspective on the physical, chemical, biological, and operational factors affecting the performance of slow sand filtration (SSF), riverbank filtration (RBF), soil-aquifer treatment (SAT), and biological activated carbon (BAC) processes. The main themes are: comparable overviews of biofiltration systems; slow sand filtration process behavior, treatment performance and process developments; and alternative biofiltration process behaviors, treatment performances, and process developments.

Reports the state of the art in chemical studies of ambers, including structural characterization, isotopic composition, maturation studies, resinite derived oils, and amino acid distributions. Discusses aspects of the biological, geological, petrology, and technology of fossil resins. Presents a diverse summary of the current knowledge of the nature and properties of fossil resins.

Chemistry of the Environment, 3rd Edition, is a concise, clear and current account of today's environmental issues and the science one needs to understand them. This intermediate-level text, which recommends General Chemistry as a prerequisite, systematically lays out themes of sustainability, atmosphere, hydrosphere, lithosphere and biospheres, while stressing the interconnectedness of environmental problems and solutions. The completely revised third edition explains the natural chemical cycles, and how humans affect them. It also analyzes strategies for ameliorating human impacts. This stimulating new text uses concise, straightforward language and an accessible narrative style to inform quantitative thinking.

We are very pleased to introduce the Book Version of our Special Issue in *Molecules* dedicated to the memory of the late Professor Dr. Charles D. Hufford. The issue has been a huge success, with 22 full-length peer-reviewed papers and a tribute by Professor Alice M. Clark. Authors, reviewers, and collaborators from many countries across the world have contributed to this endeavour, and we are truly grateful to all. This Special Issue is representative of the broad impact that "Charlie" had on the field of bioactive natural products. This Special Issue comprises papers from Professor Hufford's former students, colleagues, and collaborators throughout the world who have utilized a wide array of state-of-the-art techniques to examine diverse natural sources to isolate and identify a variety of natural products with a wide spectrum of biological activities, including some new microbial transformations and insights into bioactive molecules. Many new bioactive compounds are described and reported here for the first time. Bioactivities reported include cytotoxicity, antimicrobial activity, anti-inflammatory activity, antileishmanial activity, antitypanosomal activity, antimalarial activity, analgesic activity, and beneficial liver activities, just to name a few. This Special Issue will undoubtedly have a lasting impact on the field of bioactive natural products, as exemplified by the career of Dr. Hufford. Lastly, without the timely and outstanding contributions from all of you, this Special Issue would not have been possible. We thank you all very much for your contributions and your time devoted to this Special Issue in memory of a special person. Finally, we express our gratitude and thanks to the journal *Molecules* and their excellent team of expert reviewers for giving us the support and opportunity to make this Special Issue a huge success!

Amino Acid Analysis (AAA) is an integral part of analytical biochemistry. In a relatively short time, the variety of AAA methods has evolved dramatically with more methods shifting to the use of mass spectrometry (MS) as a detection method. Another new aspect is miniaturization. However, most importantly, AAA in this day and age should be viewed in the context of Metabolomics as a part of Systems Biology. *Amino Acid Analysis: Methods and Protocols* presents a broad spectrum of all available methods allowing for readers to choose the method that most suits their particular laboratory set-up and analytical needs. In this volume, a reader can find chapters describing general as well as specific approaches to the sample preparation. A number of chapters describe specific applications of AAA in clinical chemistry as well as in food analysis, microbiology, marine biology, drug metabolism, even archeology. Separate chapters are devoted to the application of AAA for protein quantitation and chiral AAA. Written in the highly successful *Methods in Molecular Biology*<sup>TM</sup> series format, chapters contain introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible laboratory protocols, and notes on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and accessible, *Amino Acid Analysis: Methods and Protocols* provides crucial techniques that can be applied across multiple disciplines by anyone involved in biomedical research or life sciences.

In contrast to existing books which either focus exclusively on the pharmacological properties of plant natural products or cover the secondary metabolism of plants as one section in general plant science book, this is the first to cover all aspects in one volume. It has all the features of a modern textbook, including color figures, questions and answers and a complimentary website. In addition, the introductory chapters provide sufficient background knowledge in the chemistry and biochemistry of plant natural products and their biotechnological applications to allow its use as a true stand-alone text for student courses.

The range of human neurodegenerative diseases continues to pose significant unmet medical needs for societies around the world. The progressive and terminal nature of these conditions places a considerable personal burden on the individual affected but also on public health systems and health services. Tens of millions of people are indiscriminately affected by various dementias, which are rising at an alarming rate. There are no cures for many conditions, and it is clear that treatments applied as early as possible could greatly improve outcomes for patients. Therefore, new disease classification and diagnostic tools should be a key priority. Metabolomics represents a relatively new field of analytical science, which can be extremely useful in the early diagnosis of disease. The relatively unique feature of metabolites is that they sit at the intersection between the genetic background of an organism and its environment. Because many neurodegenerative diseases are not genetically inherited (instead having a range of known genetic risk factors and also a large number of unknown environmental triggers) the field of metabolomics offers great promise for the discovery of new, biologically, and clinically relevant biomarkers for neurodegenerative disorders. It is already bringing forward new knowledge in terms of the mechanisms of neurodegenerative disease.

Providing information on the main approaches for the analysis of metabolites, this textbook: Covers basic methodologies in sample preparation and separation techniques, as well as the most recent techniques of mass spectrometry.

Differentiates between primary and secondary metabolites. Includes four chapters discussing successful metabolome studies of different organisms. Highlights the analytical challenges of studying metabolites. Illustrates applications of metabolome analysis through the use of case studies.

In response to environmental stresses, or during development, plant cells will produce lipids that will act as intracellular or

intercellular mediators. Glycerophospholipid and/or sphingolipid second messengers resulting from the action of lipid metabolizing enzymes (e.g. lipid-kinases or lipases) are commonly found within cells. The importance of such mediating lipids in plants has become increasingly apparent. Responses to biotic and abiotic stresses, and to plant hormones, all appear to involve and require lipid signals. Likewise, developmental processes, in particular polarized growth, seem also to involve signalling lipids. Amongst these lipids, phosphatidic acid (PA) has received the most attention. It can be produced by phospholipases D, but also by diacylglycerol kinases coupled to phospholipases C. Proteins that bind phosphatidic acid, and for which the activity is altered upon binding, have been identified. Furthermore, other lipids are also important in signalling processes. PA can be phosphorylated into diacylglycerol-pyrophosphate, and plants are one of the first biological models where the production of this lipid has been reported, and its implication in signal transduction have been demonstrated. PA can also be deacylated into lyso-phosphatidic acid. The phosphorylated phosphatidylinositols, i.e. the phosphoinositides, can act as substrate of phospholipases C, but are also mediating lipids per se, since proteins that bind them have been identified. Other important lipid mediators belong to the sphingolipid family such the phosphorylated phytosphingosine, or long-chain bases. Many questions remain unanswered concerning lipid signalling in plants. Understanding and discussing current knowledge on these mechanisms will provide insights into plant mechanisms in response to constraints, either developmental or environmental.

Fatty acids and lipids: structures, extraction and fractionation into classes -- Gas chromatography: theoretical aspects and instrumentation -- Preparation of methyl ester and other derivatives -- Gas chromatographic analysis of fatty acid derivatives -- Isolation of fatty acids and identification by spectroscopic and chemical degradative techniques -- Gas chromatography--mass spectrometry and fatty acids -- Gas chromatographic analysis of molecular species of lipids -- Alternative or complementary methods for the analysis of molecular species of lipids -- Some miscellaneous separations of lipids by gas chromatography.

Metabolic Flux Analysis: Methods and Protocols opens up the field of metabolic flux analysis to those who want to start a new flux analysis project but are overwhelmed by the complexity of the approach. Metabolic flux analysis emerged from the current limitation for the prediction of metabolic fluxes from a measured inventory of the cell. Divided into convenient thematic parts, topics in this essential volume include the fundamental characteristics of the underlying networks, the application of quantitative metabolite data and thermodynamic principles to constrain the solution space for flux balance analysis (FBA), the experimental toolbox to conduct different types of flux analysis experiments, the processing of data from <sup>13</sup>C experiments and three chapters that summarize some recent key findings. Written in the successful Methods in Molecular Biology series format, chapters include introductions to their respective topics, lists of the necessary materials and reagents, step-by-step, readily reproducible protocols and notes on troubleshooting and avoiding known pitfalls. Authoritative and easily accessible, Metabolic Flux Analysis: Methods and Protocols presents protocols that cover a range of relevant organisms currently used in the field, providing a solid basis to anybody interested in the field of metabolic flux analysis.

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