

## Thin Layer Chromatography In Phytochemistry Chromatographic Science Series

Xenobiotics are chemical compounds foreign to a given biological system. In animals and humans, xenobiotics include drugs, drug metabolites, and environmental pollutants. In the environment, xenobiotics include synthetic pesticides, herbicides, and industrial pollutants. Many techniques are used in xenobiotics residue analysis; the method selected depends on the complexity of the sample, the nature of the matrix/analytes, and the analytical techniques available. This reference will help the analyst develop effective and validated analytical strategies for the analysis of hundreds of different xenobiotics on hundreds of different sample types, quickly, accurately and at acceptable cost.

A great deal of confusion and uncertainty over genotoxic impurity (GTI) identification, assessment, and control exists in the pharmaceutical industry today. Pharmaceutical Industry Practices on Genotoxic Impurities strives to facilitate scientific and systematic consensus on GTI management by presenting rationales, strategies, methods, interpretati Global dietary recommendations emphasize the consumption of plant-based foods for the prevention and management of chronic diseases. Plants contain many biologically active compounds referred to as phytochemicals or functional ingredients. These compounds play an important role in human health. Prior to establishing the safety and health benefits of these compounds, they must first be isolated, purified, and their physico-chemical properties established. Once identified, their mechanisms of actions are studied. The chapters are arranged in the order from isolation, purification and identification to in vivo and clinical studies, there by covering not only the analytical procedures used but also their nutraceutical and therapeutic properties.

Thin layer chromatography (TLC) is increasingly used in the fields of plant chemistry, biochemistry, and molecular biology. Advantages such as speed, versatility, and low cost make it one of the leading techniques used for locating and analyzing bioactive components in plants. Thin Layer Chromatography in Phytochemistry is the first source devoted to supplying state-of-the-art information on TLC as it applies to the separation, identification, quantification, and isolation of medicinal plant components. Renowned scientists working with laboratories around the world demonstrate the applicability of TLC to a remarkable diversity of fields including plant genetics, drug discovery, nutraceuticals, and toxicology. Elucidates the role of plant materials in the pharmaceutical industry... Part I provides a practical review of techniques, relevant materials, and the particular demands for using TLC in phytochemical applications. The text explains how to determine the biological activity of metabolites and assess the effectiveness of herbal medicines and nutritional supplements. Part II concentrates on TLC methods used to analyze specific plant-based metabolite classes such as carbohydrates, proteins, alkaloids, flavonoids, terpenes, etc. Organized by compound type, each chapter discusses key topics such as sample preparation, plate development, zone detection, densitometry, and biodetection. Demonstrates practical methods that can be applied to a wide range of disciplines... From identification to commercial scale production and quality control, Thin Layer Chromatography in Phytochemistry is an essential bench-top companion and reference on using TLC for the study of plant-based bioactive compounds.

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This is the first book that comprehensively and systematically describes the new technology of hydrophilic interaction liquid chromatography (HILIC). Hydrophilic interaction chromatography is a separation technique suitable for polar and hydrophilic compounds and orthogonal to reversed phase liquid chromatography. From small organic molecules to pr Medicinal plants are used to treat diseases and provide health benefits, and their applications are increasing around the world. A huge array of phytochemicals have been identified from medicinal plants, belonging to carotenoids, flavonoids, lignans, and phenolic acids, and so on, with a wide range of biological activities. In order to explore our knowledge of phytochemicals with the assistance of modern molecular tools and high-throughput technologies, this book collects recent innovative original research and review articles on subtopics of mechanistic insights into bioactivities, treatment of diseases, profiling, extraction and identification, and biotechnology.

The aim of this book is to provide the brief introduction of the techniques used for phytochemical studies. This book includes the methods used for plant material collection, their storage, extraction, isolation, and identification of organic constituents present in plant materials under study.

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This second edition of Plant Drug Analysis includes more than 200 updated color photographs of superb quality demonstrating chromatograms of all relevant standard drugs. All drugs presented meet the standard of the official pharmacopoeia and originate from well-defined botanical sources. With this guide the technique of thin layer chromatography can be easily used without previous pharmacognostic training. Only commercially available equipment and reagents are needed, the sources as well as all practical details are given. From the reviews "...should not be missed in any laboratory dealing with crude drug analysis" trends in analytical chemistry "...a unique and remarkable collection...an invaluable guide" Phytochemistry "The color photographs...are unbelievably well done" Analytical Biochemistry "...a required text for any laboratory concerned with the analysis of medicinal plant products" Irish Pharmacy Journal

A comprehensive bibliography of publications on modern planar chromatography.

Used routinely in drug control laboratories, forensic laboratories, and as a research tool, thin layer chromatography (TLC) plays an important role in pharmaceutical drug analyses. It requires less complicated or expensive equipment than other techniques, and has the ability to be performed under field conditions. Filling the need for an up-to-date

While there are many books available on methods of organic and biochemical analysis, the majority are either primarily concerned with the application of a particular technique (e.g. paper chromatography) or have been written for an audience of chemists or for biochemists work ing mainly with animal tissues. Thus, no simple guide to modern methods of plant analysis exists and the

purpose of the present volume is to fill this gap. It is primarily intended for students in the plant sciences, who have a botanical or a general biological background. It should also be of value to students in biochemistry, pharmacognosy, food science and 'natural products' organic chemistry. Most books on chromatography, while admirably covering the needs of research workers, tend to overwhelm the student with long lists of solvent systems and spray reagents that can be applied to each class of organic constituent. The intention here is to simplify the situation by listing only a few specially recommended techniques that have wide currency in phytochemical laboratories. Sufficient details are provided to allow the student to use the techniques for themselves and most sections contain some introductory practical experiments which can be used in classwork.

Phytochemicals are the individual chemicals from which the plants are made and plants are the key sources of raw material for both pharmaceutical and aromatic industries. The improved methods for higher yield of active compounds will be the major incentive in these industries. To help those who are involved in the isolation of compounds from plants, some of the essential phytochemical techniques are included in this book. The theoretical principles of various instruments, handling of samples and interpretation of spectra are given in detail. Adequate chemical formulas are included to support and explain various structures of compounds and techniques. The book will prove useful to students, researchers, professionals in the field of Plant Physiology and Pathology, Pharmaceutical and Chemical Engineering, Biotechnology, Medicinal and Aromatic Plants and Horticulture.

The powerful, efficient technique of high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) is essential to the standardization of plant-based drugs, identification of plant material, and creation of new herbal medicines. Filling the void in this critical area, High Performance Liquid Chromatography in Phytochemical Analysis is the first book to give a complete description of the techniques, materials, and instrumentation of column HPLC and its application to essentially all primary and secondary plant metabolites. Hailing from around the world and with vast expertise in HPLC phytochemical analysis, the contributors present a global, authoritative view of the field. The book looks at the role of HPLC in the analysis of herbal drugs, quality control of plant products in dietary supplements, and chemosystematics. It also covers the phytochemistry, pharmacology, and biological role of plant metabolites as well as various modes and techniques of HPLC analysis. The book then focuses on HPLC separation, identification, and quantification of particular classes of compounds in a variety of sample types, including plants, plant extracts, and plant-derived products. Along with its companion volume Thin Layer Chromatography in Phytochemistry, this comprehensive book presents the most important analytical approaches used in phytochemical analysis. It will help in solving problems connected with practical separations and the analyses of plant extract fractions of active metabolites.

Preparative Layer Chromatography explains how this method is used for separating large quantities of mixtures containing a wide variety of important compounds. It offers a broad review of preparative layer chromatography (PLC) applications and adaptable working procedures for microseparations involving organic, inorganic, and organometallic compounds. The book contains theoretical background, chemical principles, and relevance of preparative layer chromatography (PLC) to a wide range of applications, particularly in the study of pharmaceuticals and biochemistry. Written by many of the best known and most knowledgeable specialists in the field, the chapters describe all the necessary techniques, current procedures, and superior strategies for selecting the most suitable eluents and designing application-specific PLC systems based on the data being sought. They provide comprehensive instructions, surrounding issues, and suggestions for optimizing optional working techniques within the framework of PLC. The book also provides a complete coverage of bulk sorbents and precoated chromatographic plates available on the international market. A comprehensive, yet accessible source of information, Preparative Layer Chromatography is a relevant and practical text for experienced as well as novice researchers and practitioners involved in analytical, environmental, geochemical, biological, medicinal, and pharmaceutical analysis.

Bioassay Methods in Natural Product Research and Drug Development contains the proceedings from the Phytochemical Society of Europe's very successful symposium on this topic, held August 24-27, 1997 in Uppsala, Sweden. In this volume, leading academic and industrial scientists discuss novel methods for assaying natural products to find new structure-activity relationships. Of key importance in this process is the availability and reliability of specific bioassay methods, but chapters also discuss chemical and biological diversity and how to dereplicate natural product extracts to increase efficiency in lead discovery. Anti-tumor, HIV-inhibitory, antiprotozoal, anti-infective and immunomodulatory natural products are discussed. Various industrial projects are presented for the first time. This volume bridges the gap between academic and industrial research and scientists, and should be required reading in drug companies and faculties of pharmacy, as well as serving scientists in pharmacognosy, pharmacology, phytochemistry, natural products and drug discovery.

Widely employed for separating and detecting chemicals in solution, separation techniques are most often applied in tandem, subsequently referred to as hyphenated methods. Hyphenated and Alternative Methods of Detection in Chromatography details the development and application of mass spectral detection techniques coupled with gas phase and liquid phase chromatographies. With contributions from experts in a variety of fields, as evidenced by the range of topics, the book describes the advantages and disadvantages of various separation techniques and addresses methods for cutting-edge applications such as proteomics research. Specifically, this book covers: The development of the LC-NMR and its application in chromatographic science, particularly in relation to the analysis of natural and environmental samples and in the study of reaction monitoring, biosynthetic analysis, and structural elucidation The application of LC-ICP in biological samples for the speciation of organoarsenic and organoselenium compounds; metal complexes in microorganisms, plants, and foods of plant origin; human body fluids and tissues; and in the detection of chemical warfare agents Electrochemical detection in liquid chromatography, system optimization, and applications in the analysis of flavonoids The use of chemiluminescence for microcolumn and capillary methods of separation The process of employing multidimensional separation methods as a means of identifying components in complex samples A detailed reference for those starting out in the field, this book also suits those who are more experienced yet require assistance in new directions. It is an ideal reference for senior undergraduate and postgraduate students wishing to supplement their learning experience. Containing over 800 references, this book is an excellent source of information within the field of hyphenated methods of chromatographic analysis.

Planar Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry focuses on a relatively new approach to chemical analysis in general, and to separation science in particular. It is the first book to systemically cover the theoretical background, techniques, instrumentation, and practical applications of planar chromatography–mass spectrometry as a hyphenated tool of analytical chemistry. It also examines the high and as-yet unexploited potential of planar chromatography–mass spectrometry for analytical use in scientific investigations. This book overviews the combination of planar chromatography, a relatively simple and cost-effective separation step for determining complex mixtures of compounds, with mass

spectrometry, an efficient, highly instrumental, and relatively expensive technique that enables rapid identification of separated chemical species. It covers electrophoretic–mass spectrometry methods and applications, which are considered planar chromatographic techniques and are increasingly being exploited in proteomic and molecular biology studies as well as for medical diagnostic purposes. It also provides a selection of applications, such as drug control and forensic and food analysis, including more difficult substances such as carbohydrates and lipids. The book advocates growth in using planar chromatography–mass spectrometry in laboratories that have appropriate equipment but have not yet employed the techniques in combination. It also describes the use of a relatively inexpensive commercial system that can be adopted by laboratories currently working without the coupled methodology. Aiming to improve power and efficiency when other analytical methods are inadequate, Planar Chromatography–Mass Spectrometry encourages separation science practitioners in academia and industry to combine the two methods for enhanced results.

This handbook provides a systematic description of the principles, procedures, and technology of the modern analytical techniques used in the detection, extraction, clean up, and determination of pesticide residues present in the environment. This book provides the historical background of pesticides and emerging trends in pesticide regulation. The

Used routinely in drug control laboratories, forensic laboratories, and as a research tool, thin layer chromatography (TLC) plays an important role in pharmaceutical drug analyses. It requires less complicated or expensive equipment than other techniques, and has the ability to be performed under field conditions. Filling the need for an up-to-date, complete reference, Thin Layer Chromatography in Drug Analysis covers the most important methods in pharmaceutical applications of TLC, namely, analysis of bulk drug material and pharmaceutical formulations, degradation studies, analysis of biological samples, optimization of the separation of drug classes, and lipophilicity estimation. The book is divided into two parts. Part I is devoted to general topics related to TLC in the context of drug analysis, including the chemical basis of TLC, sample preparation, the optimization of layers and mobile phases, detection and quantification, analysis of ionic compounds, and separation and analysis of chiral substances. The text addresses the newest advances in TLC instrumentation, two-dimensional TLC, quantification by slit scanning densitometry and image analysis, statistical processing of data, and various detection and identification methods. It also describes the use of TLC for solving a key issue in the drug market—the presence of substandard and counterfeit pharmaceutical products. Part II provides an in-depth overview of a wide range of TLC applications for separation and analysis of particular drug groups. Each chapter contains an introduction about the structures and medicinal actions of the described substances and a literature review of their TLC analysis. A useful resource for chromatographers, pharmacists, analytical chemists, students, and R&D, clinical, and forensic laboratories, this book can be utilized as a manual, reference, and teaching source.

High-Performance Thin-Layer Chromatography for the Analysis of Medicinal Plants presents the theoretical and technical information needed to perform reliable and reproducible high-performance thin-layer chromatography (HPTLC) to establish the identity, purity, quality, and stability of raw materials, extracts, and finished botanical products. The text provides a complete overview of the technique and common applications of HPTLC in herbal analysis. It will help the analyst answer questions such as: Am I paying for a high-quality material, but getting a cheap adulterant? Is this raw material worth its price? Does this product comply with the claim on its label? Has the composition of this product changed after being on the shelf for more than a year? Practical examples provided by renowned experts help the reader gain a firm understanding of HPTLC methodologies. More than 300 full-color illustrations aid comprehension of complex concepts, and easy-to-reference text boxes provide summaries of key information. This book is essential for analysts, quality assurance professionals, and regulators seeking a comprehensive text on how to use HPTLC to determine whether botanicals comply with current, good manufacturing practices. It will also benefit students in pharmacognosy, phytopharmacy, pharmaceutical biology, and analytical chemistry programs.

This handbook is a guide for workers in analytical chemistry who need a starting place for information about a specific instrumental technique. It gives a basic introduction to the techniques and provides leading references on the theory and methodology for an instrumental technique. This edition thoroughly expands and updates the chapters to include concepts, applications, and key references from recent literature. It also contains a new chapter on process analytical technology.

Advances in Chromatography is a venerable series that has reported on the latest state-of-the-art developments in the field for the past four decades. The newest installment, Volume 49, continues the tradition of compiling the work of expert contributors who present timely and cutting edge reviews of current and emerging methods and applications in this dynamic field. Highlights in this edition include: The hyphenation of liquid chromatography with mass spectrometry in order to determine oligonucleotide adducts as markers for cancer Glycoproteomics and the glycosylation of proteins, addressing biomarkers in different types of diseases Chiral separation, an important area particularly in the pharmaceutical industry, where the technique has been applied with varying results Ion-pairing chromatography and analyte retention Conveying the most recent significant scientific developments in separation science, the book and its series are known for the authors' clear presentation of topics and vivid illustrations. Accessible and engaging, this volume forms a solid foundation for the work of biochemists and analytical, organic, polymer, and pharmaceutical chemists at all levels of technical skill. Meticulously referenced, it will help fuel further research across a range of fields.

### Fundamentals and Techniques

Phytochemistry, Volume 3: Marine, Industrial, and Advances is part of the three-volume set on phytochemistry that presents chapters that discuss secondary metabolites of marine origin, the industrial applications of phytochemicals, and recent advances in phytochemical research. The volume includes chapters that illustrate the industrial applications of phytochemicals, such as the production of secondary metabolites and accumulations through in vitro cultures. It also reviews the effects of natural products as biopesticides and as eco-friendly corrosion inhibitors. In addition, the volume discusses the effects of the environment on the distribution of phytochemicals in a chapter on phytochelatin and heavy metal tolerance in plants.

There is a dramatic rise of novel drug use due to the increased popularity of so-called designer drugs. These synthetic drugs can be illegal in some countries, but legal in others and novel compounds unknown to drug chemistry emerge monthly. This thoughtfully constructed edited reference presents the main chromatographic methodologies and strategies used to discover and analyze novel designer drugs contained in diverse biological materials. The methods are based on molecular characteristics of the drugs belonging to each individual class of compounds, so it will be clear how the current methods are adaptable to future new drugs that appear in the market.

In this third edition, more than 40 renowned authorities introduce and update chapters on the theory, fundamentals, techniques, and instrumentation of thin-layer chromatography (TLC) and high-performance thin-layer chromatography (HPTLC), highlighting the latest procedures and applications of TLC to 19 important compound classes and coverage of TLC applications by compound type. Easily adaptable to industrial scenarios, the Handbook of Thin-Layer Chromatography, Third Edition supports practical research strategies with extensive tables of data, offers numerous figures that illustrate techniques and chromatograms, and includes a glossary as well as a directory of equipment suppliers.

The present edited book is the presentation of 18 in-depth national and international contributions from eminent professors, scientists and instrumental chemists from educational institutes, research organizations and industries providing their views on their experience, handling, observation and research outputs on HPTLC, a multi-dimensional instrumentation. The book describes the recent advancements made on TLC which have revolutionized and transformed it into a modern instrumental technique

HPTLC. The book addresses different chapters on HPTLC fundamentals: principle, theory, understanding; instrumentation: implementation, optimization, validation, automation and qualitative and quantitative analysis; applications: phytochemical analysis, biomedical analysis, herbal drug quantification, analytical analysis, finger print analysis and potential for hyphenation: HPTLC future to combinatorial approach, HPTLC-MS, HPTLC-FTIR and HPTLC-Scanning Diode Laser. The chapters in the book have been designed in such away that the reader follows each step of the HPTLC in logical order.

This first book in this three-volume set provides comprehensive coverage of a wide range of topics in phytochemistry. With chapters from professional specialists from key institutions around the world, the volume starts with an introduction to phytochemistry and details the fundamentals. Part II discusses the state-of-the-art modern methods and techniques in phytochemical research, while Part III provides an informative overview of computational phytochemistry and its applications. Part IV presents novel research findings in the discovery of drugs that will be effective in the treatment of diseases. The chapters are drawn carefully and integrated sequentially to aid flow, consistency, and continuity.

The introduction of high performance techniques to thin-layer chromatography has secured a future for TLC. The development of increasingly more sensitive detection reagents has meant that the detection of ever smaller substrate concentrations has become possible. The first part of this volume describes general methods, including prechromatographic derivatization, whilst the second part gives numerous applications listed according to the detection reagent employed. The authors describe the selected methods in detail and critically evaluate each reagent. Each reaction procedure is concluded with a tested example, useful as a guide to practical work. Detection limits and measurement conditions are also given, enabling a quantitative evaluation to be made. The literature references will be welcomed by those readers wishing to gain further insight into this field. All in all, this publication, which will be continued in later volumes, is far more than a collection of reagents - it is a laboratory handbook for the experimentalist. This book also gives numerous useful suggestions for applications in the field of high pressure liquid chromatography and electrophoresis.

Instrumental Thin-Layer Chromatography delivers comprehensive coverage of this separation tool with particular emphasis on how this tool can be used in advanced laboratories and integrated into problem-solving scenarios. Significant improvements in instrumentation have outpaced the development of information resources that describe the latest state-of-the-art and demonstrate the full capabilities of TLC. This book provides a contemporary picture of the fundamentals and practical applications of TLC at a level suitable for the needs of professional scientists with interests in project management where TLC is a common tool. Compact, highly focused chapters convey essential information that defines modern TLC and how it can be effectively implemented in most areas of laboratory science. Numerous figures and tables provide access to material not normally found in a single source yet are required by working scientists. Contributions written by recognized authoritative and visionary experts Focuses on state-of-the-art instrumental thin-layer chromatography and advanced applications across many areas Provides guidance on the analysis of complex, dirty mixtures of compounds Offers a cost-effective analytic technique for laboratories working under strict budgets Plant Drug Analysis has proven an invaluable and unique aid for all those involved with drug production and analysis, including pharmacists, chemical and pharmaceutical researchers and technicians, drug importers and exporters, governmental chemical control agencies, and health authorities. From the reviews of the German Edition: "The reviewer would like to recommend this excellent book to all chromatographers, as he considers it highly relevant to the solution of numerous problems. Its main purpose is the demonstration of thin-layer chromatograms of the usual commercial drugs as an aid in testing for identity and purity. ... 165 colour plates, each showing 6 chromatograms and all of superb quality photographs ..." (Journal of Chromatography)

This book covers interesting research topics and the use of natural resources for medical treatments in some severe diseases. The most important message is to have native foods which contain high amount of active compounds that can be used as a medicinal plant. Most pharmaceutical drugs were discovered from plants, and still ongoing research will have to predict such new active compounds as anti-diseases. I do believe this book will add significant knowledge to medical societies as well as can be used for postgraduate students.

The international trade in plants is growing steadily as the worldwide demand for natural and botanical raw materials increases. Customers value natural products and botanicals as "green" alternatives—safer ingredients for their families which also represent an environmentally and socially responsible choice for the planet. In order to build assurance into the sourcing of natural ingredients, R&D organizations must have valid scientific matrices to authenticate the quality of those ingredients, provide traceability, and minimize risk. An assemblage of insight from expert contributors, *Botanicals: Methods and Techniques for Quality & Authenticity* compiles a range of methods and techniques that can be used to help guide quality and authenticity determinations. Topics include: Metabolic profiling, authentication of botanicals by morphology, and genetic methods of botanical authentication Tools for building models for the authentication of materials How multivariate statistics can play a role in determining botanical quality and authenticity Radiocarbon and stable isotope ratio analysis and emerging stable isotope tools NMR (nuclear magnetic resonance) spectroscopy, NIR (near-infrared), and HPTLC (high-performance thin-layer chromatography) methods for analysis The use of electronic sensing instruments and applications for analysis The contributors also discuss the challenge of identifying a botanical extract or preparation on the basis of its chemical content and discuss quality issues faced by botanicals used as cosmetic ingredients. The book provides you with a range of traditional, taxonomic, and newer analytical tools to assure the quality, authenticity, and traceability of botanical raw materials for dietary supplements, cosmetics, and natural products research. *Practical Thin-Layer Chromatography* provides thorough coverage of the principles, practices, and applications of thin-layer chromatography (TLC) for important sample and compound types. This information is directed specifically at workers in the most active scientific fields.

DART-MS is a relatively new, but very fast evolving technology. Due to its versatility, it addresses fields of crucial importance to people and community, e.g. food or agricultural, forensic, industrial, environmental, medicinal and clinical analysis.

Chemometrics uses advanced mathematical and statistical algorithms to provide maximum chemical information by analyzing chemical data, and obtain knowledge of chemical systems. Chemometrics significantly extends the possibilities of chromatography and with the technological advances of the personal computer and continuous development of open-source software, many laboratories are interested in incorporating chemometrics into their chromatographic methods. This book is an up-to-date reference that presents the most important information about each area of chemometrics used in chromatography, demonstrating its effective use when applied to a chromatographic separation.

HPLC is the principal separation technique for identification of the pesticides in environmental samples and for quantitative analysis of

analytes. At each stage of the HPLC procedure, the chromatographer should possess both the practical and theoretical skills required to perform HPLC experiments correctly and to obtain reliable, repeatable, and reproducible results. Developed to serve as a detailed practical guide, High Performance Liquid Chromatography in Pesticide Residue Analysis is a comprehensive source of information and training on state-of-the-art pesticide residue methods performed with the aid of HPLC. The book presents the pros and cons of HPLC as a flexible and versatile separation and analysis tool with multiple purposes and advantages in investigations of pesticides for food and plant drugs standardization, promotion of health, protection of new herbal medicines, and more.

Thin-layer chromatography has become so widely known in the space of a few years that it has proved necessary to gather into book form and thus make generally accessible the experimental material previously only available in isolated publications. As thin-layer chromatography can be used both for organic and inorganic matter as well as on quantities ranging from the nanogram to the microgram, it is impossible for anyone individual to possess sufficient laboratory experience or overall knowledge to produce a practical handbook that will be of real assistance to be ginner and specialist alike. For this reason, an international group was formed, who made it their task to produce the best possible treatise. In view of the present stage of development reached by thin-layer chromatography, it seems specially apt that the authors should include yet unpublished work of their own. As thin-layer chromatography is used in many different fields in natural science and medicine, the kind of brief description of materials intelligible only to the expert has been avoided. The short guides to the chemical properties of the groups to be separated, their names, and relevant bibliographic details should facilitate introductory studies and make possible a close acquaintance with the material in hand. It also seemed advisable to give brief details of the analytical classification of material, which is so often necessary. Although the classification used may appear unusual, it is in fact pre-eminently suitable to thin-layer chromatography. Advanced Separations by Specialized Sorbents opens a new window into sorbent materials, presenting fundamental principles for their syntheses and adsorption properties. The book presents advanced techniques used to create specialized sorbents with a wide range of functions that can be used to enhance the separation and/or purification of useful bio

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