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Message from the editors

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Welcome to volume 7 of *Bioanalysis*! In this first issue of the new volume, we would like to take the opportunity to look back at the development of the journal since its launch in 2009, and how it has evolved alongside the field of bioanalysis.

Over the last 6 years, *Bioanalysis* has established itself as a platform for communication in the bioanalytical community. From reviews by leading experts to innovative research, the journal publishes a wide variety of high-quality articles in order to reflect the wealth of knowledge emerging from the field. The journal's 'double-blind' peer-review system is an integral pillar of our robust editorial process; this ensures that each article is evaluated solely on its scientific merit. In 2011, the publication frequency was increased from 12 to 24 issues per year in order to accommodate the growing interest in the journal, and in 2014 the journal was awarded an impact factor of 3.027.

The field of bioanalysis has also evolved dramatically in recent years, as evidenced by the growth in the number of meetings where regulatory issues and developing trends are discussed. There has also been further expansion and refinement of technologies associated with small and large molecule measurement. More so now than ever, bioanalysis represents a hugely dynamic field, which we will endeavor to continue capturing in the journal.

Key highlights

Every year, *Bioanalysis* publishes a variety of articles covering key advances in the field. We have compiled a short list of some of the most accessed, highly cited and noteworthy papers throughout the past volumes

(Table 1). Of course, this is not an exhaustive list of highlights we have seen over the last 6 years, and we encourage you to explore the full back content. We would be keen to hear which papers you found most memorable.

Special Focus Issues

Our special focus issues aim to highlight the current themes in bioanalysis, from highly active fields of research to niche areas. Table 2 gives a list of the special issues published in 2013 and 2014; these sought to initiate a greater level of interest and awareness of the topics among a broader audience. We also have a number of exciting special issues planned for 2015, in which we will focus on radioisotopic bioanalysis, method transfer, stability assessment, ADCs, DBS analysis and LC–MS derivitization.

Growth in unsolicited submissions

Bioanalysis accepts a range of unsolicited manuscripts, including reviews, editorials and original research. Over the years we have seen an upwards trend in the number of submissions we receive. Of the total articles published in the journal, the percentage of unsolicited contributions increased from approximately 30% in 2013 to 40% in 2014, demonstrating the high quality of the manuscripts submitted.

We understand the importance in publishing articles, particularly research papers, as soon as possible. We are therefore currently working towards implementing processes whereby articles will be published online first upon acceptance, ahead of the print issues – watch this space!

Since launching in 2009, we have also seen a steady growth in the number of research articles published, from 28 in 2009 to 88 in

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Table 1. Selection of key highlights from the journal.

Title	Author(s)	Article type	Issue	Ref.
Anticoagulant counter ion impact on bioanalytical LC–MS/MS assay performance: additional validation required?	Sennbro CJ, Knutsson M, Timmerman P & van Amsterdam P	Editorial	Vol. 3, No. 21	[1]
High-resolution mass spectrometry will dramatically change our drug-discovery bioanalysis procedures	Korfmacher W	Editorial	Vol. 3, No. 11	[2]
European Medicines Agency guideline on bioanalytical method validation: what more is there to say?	Smith G	Commentary	Vol. 4, No. 8	[3]
Comparison of triple quadrupole and high-resolution TOF-MS for quantification of peptides	Dillen L, Cools W, Vereyken L, Lorreyne W, Huybrechts T, de Vries R, Ghobarah H & Cuyckens F	Research	Vol. 4, No. 5	[4]
Capillary microsampling of 25 µl blood for the determination of toxicokinetic parameters in regulatory studies in animals	Jonsson O, Palma Villar R, Nilsson LB, Norsten-Höög C, Brogren J, Eriksson M, Königsson K & Samuelsson A	Research	Vol. 4, No. 6	[5]
The effect of hematocrit and punch location on assay bias during quantitative bioanalysis of dried blood spot samples	O'Mara M, Hudson-Curtis B, Olson K, Yueh Y, Dunn J & Spooner N	Research	Vol. 3, No. 20	[6]
Bioanalytical assay strategies for the development of antibody–drug conjugate biotherapeutics	Kaur S, Xu K, Saad OM, Dere RC & Carrasco-Triguero M	Perspective	Vol. 5, No. 2	[7]
Matrix effect elimination during LC–MS/MS bioanalytical method development	Côté C, Bergeron A, Mess JN, Furtado M & Garofolo F	Review	Vol. 1, No. 7	[8]
Recent advances in metabolite identification and quantitative bioanalysis by LC–Q-TOF MS	Xie C, Zhong D, Yu K & Chen X	Review	Vol. 4, No. 8	[9]
Bioanalytical approaches to analyzing peptides and proteins by LC–MS/MS	Ewles M & Goodwin L	Review	Vol. 3, No. 12	[10]

2011, after the increase in publication frequency, and then to 103 in 2014.

If you are interested in submitting your work to us for consideration at any time, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our editorial team, or use our online submission system [23].

Where do *Bioanalysis* readers & authors come from?

Bioanalysis has a wide reach, with both subscribers and authors based all around the globe. As shown in Figure 1A, the majority of subscribers are from Europe and North America (44 and 35%, respectively); however, we have seen growth in the last few years in the number of subscriptions held in Asia and the rest of the world. As well as reaching readers worldwide, the journal also attracts readers from a variety of working environments (Figure 1B), with academic institutions making up around a third of subscriptions. As editors of *Bioanalysis*, we strive to work with scientists from both

corporate and academic surroundings, as reflected in the type of organizations from which work is contributed. Volume 6 of the journal (2014) saw a similar number of publications from academic and corporate authors (42 and 47%, respectively) (Table 3).

Glossary

In 2014 we worked closely with over 20 leading bioanalytical experts from industry and academia to develop the first edition of the *Bioanalysis* Glossary, which we hope will be regarded as an essential resource for bioanalysts. This guide will be particularly useful for those moving into the field or working with bioanalytical laboratories for the first time, and as a reference for experienced bioanalysts writing reports, research papers or presentations. Importantly, we hope this glossary will aid in harmonizing the terminology used by the bioanalytical community. The *Bioanalysis* Glossary is now available to download for free on our journal website [24].

Topic	Guest Editor(s)	Issue	Ref.
Bioanalysis of Biosimilars	Lakshmi Amaravadi & Joseph Marini	Vol. 5, No. 5	[11]
ADCs	Surinder Kaur	Vol. 5, No. 9	[12]
HRMS	Walter Korfmacher & Ragu Ramanathan	Vol. 5, No. 10	[13]
Increasing Productivity (Part I)	Howard Hill	Vol. 5, No. 13	[14]
Increasing Productivity (Part II)	Howard Hill	Vol. 5, No. 14	[15]
Matrix Effects	Annik Bergeron & Fabio Garofolo	Vol. 5, No. 19	[16]
Tiered Approach	Philip Timmerman	Vol. 6, No. 5	[17]
Matrix Effects	Fabio Garofolo & Binodh Desilva	Vol. 6, No. 8	[18]
Laboratory Management	Naidong Weng & Qin C Ji	Vol. 6, No. 10	[19]
Systems Biology	Ian Wilson	Vol. 6, No. 19	[20]
Clinical Chemistry	N/A	Vol. 6, No. 21	[21]
Special Populations	Peter van Amsterdam & Margarete Brudny-Kloepfel	Vol. 6, No. 23	[22]

Bioanalysis Zone

Launched in March 2011, Bioanalysis Zone [25] is an interactive online resource for the bioanalytical community, building on the success of the journal and seeking to meet workflow needs and bring the community together. The site features the latest news relevant to those working within the bioanalytical field; articles from *Bioanalysis*; exclusive interviews and commentaries from opinion leaders working within academia and the pharmaceutical industry; exclusive webinars with a variety of experts; and a business directory. We also provide a forum for the community to discuss recent developments and pose any questions related to this fast-moving field. We are re-launching with an exciting new website in early 2015, with a revamped design and new features.

Bioanalysis in the community

The *Bioanalysis* editorial team has a keen interest in achieving a strong presence in the bioanalytical community through reaching out to our readers and contributors. Our aim in doing this is ensuring that *Bioanalysis* remains focused on key themes and trends. We are on social media, with a *Bioanalysis* LinkedIn group [26], providing followers with the latest journal news and updates, and a Twitter account (@fsgbio) [27] that provides updates on the latest and most interesting bioanalysis news and developments from the global community. You can also sign up for an electronic table of contents alert on our website [28], or contact our editorial team with feedback, suggestions, ideas, and of course unsolicited manuscript submissions or

Figure 1. Percentage of subscriptions by location and sector. (A) Geographic location. (B) Sector.

Table 3. Percentage of publications in volume 6 of *Bioanalysis* by authors' organization type.

Organization type	Percentage (%)
Corporate	47
Academic	42
Corporate and academic	5
Government	2
Government and academic	1
Government and corporate	1
Other	2

proposals. If you have not yet visited Bioanalysis Zone, we highly recommend you take a look around the site – it is a one-stop-shop of all things bioanalytical.

Lastly, we would like to recognize the support of our dedicated Senior Editors, Brian Booth and Neil

Spooner, without whom the growth of *Bioanalysis* would not have been possible. Neil took on the role in January 2014, when former Senior Editor Howard Hill stepped down after 5 years of invaluable guidance and input. We also extend our thanks to our other Editorial Board members, as well as the international community of authors and peer reviewers, and ever-expanding readership. We hope you enjoy volume 7.

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