

Special Issue

Optimization of Advanced Separation Technologies for the Analysis of Emerging Contaminants

Message from the Guest Editors

Separation science is continuously developing the analysis of emerging contaminants in various matrices, both in targeted and non-targeted modes. Often, to obtain desirable method characteristics for many analytes, optimization is required, with a strong need for multivariate strategies to achieve the best outcomes in a time- and cost-effective way. Chromatography is the elected technique for the analysis of emerging contaminants, and, coupled to mass spectrometry, generally provides excellent performance. Still, effective sample preparation must not be overlooked. Therefore, the current Special Issue welcomes, but is not limited to, research articles, communications, perspective papers, and reviews on the multivariate optimization of both sample preparation and instrumental separation techniques for the determination of emerging contaminants in different samples, including food, environmental, and biological ones. Advances in these topics, related to both targeted and non-targeted methods for emerging contaminants, are appreciated. Therefore, we warmly invite you to make this Special Issue a success!

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