

Book Review

Introduction to microscale high-performance liquid chromatography, edited by D. Ishii, VCH, Weinheim, 1988, XIII + 208 pp., price DM 118.00, £41.45, ISBN 3-527-26636-4.

The first book on microcolumn high-performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) was edited by Paul Kucera¹, and contained contributions by Guiochon, Hartwick and a long chapter by Novotny. It appeared in 1984 and covered the literature up to 1983. In 1985 the book *Microcolumn Separations*, edited by Milos V. Novotny and Daidō Ishii², was published, containing updated chapters from a meeting in Honolulu, which covered similar topics to the book edited by Kucera and also covering the literature up to and including 1983.

Now we have a book on microscale HPLC edited by D. Ishii. More or less the same topics are covered as in the first two books with coverage up to 1984, with a very few papers from 1985. Hence similar and overlapping fields are covered in all three volumes, two of which have the same Editor and another Editor wrote chapters in the other two books.

Microcolumn HPLC is an interesting topic and many workers will be glad to have books which collect the literature. However, it is difficult to see why three books were needed, nor is it clear why the latest volume appeared only in 1988, when it is evidently 3 years out of date.

The book is attractively produced and this reviewer found no obvious printer's errors.

1 P. Kucera (Editor), *Microcolumn High-Performance Liquid Chromatography* (*Journal of Chromatography Library*, Vol. 28), Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1984.

2 M. V. Novotny and D. Ishii (Editors), *Microcolumn Separations —Columns, Instrumentation and Ancillary Techniques* (*Journal of Chromatography Library*, Vol. 30), Elsevier, Amsterdam, 1985.