

Prologue for Reflections and Perspectives

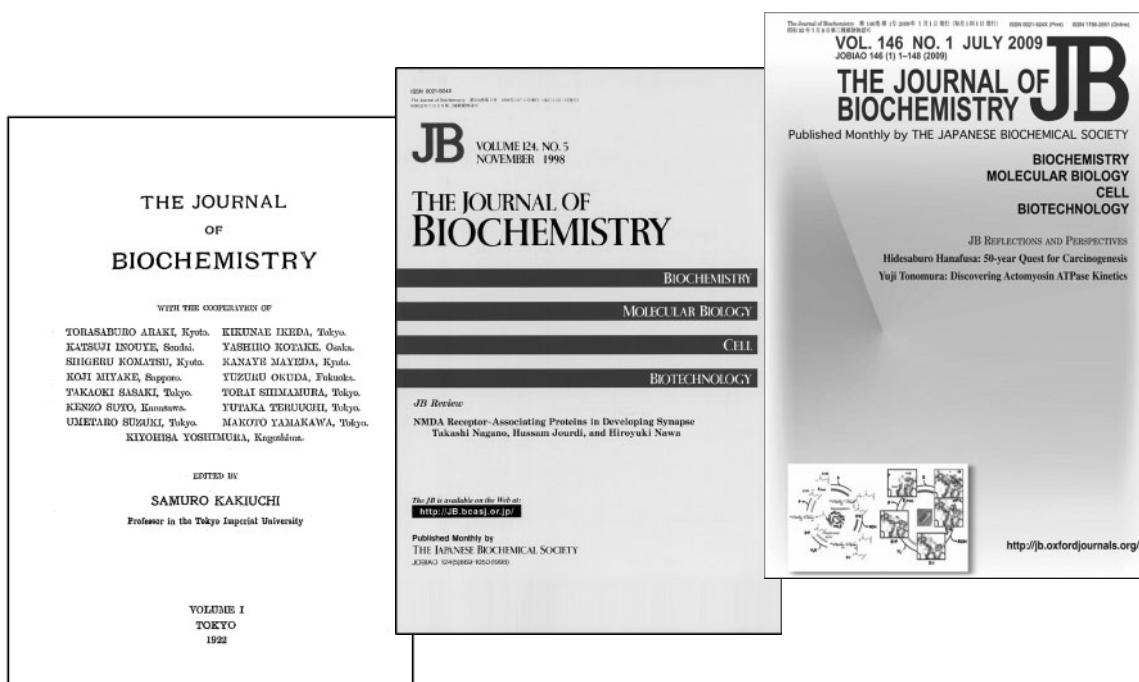
The *Journal of Biochemistry* (JB) was founded in 1922 and is one of the oldest journals in biochemistry and the field of molecular biology. The Journal publishes original research results in the fields of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Cell and Biotechnology. Papers appear in the form of Regular Papers, Rapid Communications and short reviews (JB Reviews). In this issue, JB hosts a new series of contributed articles, entitled **Reflections and Perspectives**. There are many eminent biochemists and molecular biologists who have directly or indirectly made seminal contributions to the progress of biochemistry and molecular biology worldwide and have also authored articles that appeared in JB.

The aim of this series is to introduce these persons and the associated body of work to scientists who are currently involved in different areas of science, and who may not be aware of their contribution to science, and to also educate younger scientists who may not have had the opportunity to read articles in different areas of research. The intent of such articles is to introduce his/her seminal contribution, and to provide an overview of

the current state of knowledge. The articles will reflect on the evolution of an idea and its consequences or on the development of a significant and noteworthy body of work. However, the articles will also include not only reflections of the past but will also offer perspectives on his/her work that may extend into the future. The eminent scientist to be reflected on and the contributing authors of this series will be selected by the Editors of JB based on recommendations made by Editorial Board Members. The Editors will ask prominent senior scientist(s) who were associated with the above eminent scientists in the past, when he/she was a faculty member, postdoctoral fellow or student, to contribute to this series. The articles will be written by a single author or a co-author with his/her mentor.

We sincerely hope that the readers of JB will find this series valuable, informative and stimulating.

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