

Guest Editorial

“Cutting-Edge Analytical Chemistry Research by Women Scientists”

The participation of women in science is increasing, and their contributions to knowledge production have been very impressive all over the world. Even in Japan, the ratio of female students in the department of science and technology has risen significantly in the last few decades, but the number of women researchers is still lower compared with that in many developed countries. Unfortunately, many women researchers leave their jobs when they are confronted with some life events. At such times, high motivation for research can provide sufficient power to women researchers to overcome these difficulties. To encourage women researchers to keep their scientific interests, the editorial committee of *Analytical Sciences* decided to publish a special issue in September, 2015, which is entitled *“Cutting-Edge Analytical Chemistry Research by Women Scientists”*. In this special issue, 1 review paper, 10 original papers, and 1 note in which female researchers are first or corresponding authors will be included. All of the articles were accepted *via* the ordinary peer-review process. We hope that readers of *Analytical Sciences* may catch the enthusiasm of women scientists in analytical chemistry. We appreciate all authors and referees for their kind cooperation with this special issue. Finally, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to Mr. Takashi Miura for his efforts concerning editorial support to publish this special issue.

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