Editorial

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The lead article in this issue is a Tutorial. This begins a new section for papers published in *JNIRS—Journal of Near Infrared Spectroscopy*.

The value of a Tutorial section in *JNIRS* was suggested and discussed at a recent Editorial Advisory Board Meeting. The aim of the Tutorial section is to enable authors to pass on their knowledge and experience to others. As such, Tutorials do not have to meet the novelty requirement of a normal paper. However, it is essential that they are written in an educational style so that it is straightforward for others to understand and apply the knowledge presented within the Tutorial.

Topics may include, but are not limited to, an item of hardware, a software package, a chemometric routine or a particular application of near infrared (NIR) spectroscopy. Tutorials are an excellent opportunity for those with experience in an aspect of NIR spectroscopy to pass on their knowledge, especially to newcomers to the technique. Tutorials in *JNIRS* are distinct from potential *NIR news* content in that they are expected to deal with their subject matter in a more detailed, expanded and scientifically formal manner. Tutorial articles will all be subjected to the normal peer review process.

Anyone with an interest in NIR spectroscopy through research, its application or the education of others is invited to write a Tutorial article. Outlines or draft versions of Tutorials may be submitted directly to an Editor or the Editor-in-Chief for discussion regarding suitability and content.

So, in the future the Aims and Scope for papers published in *JNIRS* will read as follows:

*JNIRS—Journal of Near Infrared Spectroscopy* is a peer review journal which aims to publish original research papers, short communications, review articles, tutorials and letters concerned with near infrared (NIR) spectroscopy and technology, its application, new instrumentation and the use of chemometric and data handling techniques within NIR. *JNIRS* will accept contributions from all areas of applications where NIR spectroscopy is in use.