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**To**

The Managing Editor

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**Sir,**

I wish to submit an original research article entitled “Predicting retention times of polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons in reversed-phase liquid chromatography: A quantitative structure retention relationship (QSRR) approach” for consideration by Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society. I confirm that this work is original and has not been published elsewhere, nor is it currently under consideration for publication elsewhere.

In this paper, we report on the use of quantitative structure retention relationship approach to developing models capable to predict retention time in reversed-phase liquid chromatography. This is significant because the experimental determination of retention time is tedious, time-consuming, and expensive and needs pure materials and advanced facilities; therefore, the development of theoretical models to predict retention time is important and interesting (gain time and money). The novelty of this work is that it deals with a large number of PAH (132) was modeled for the first time using ***predictive*** quantitative structure-retention relationship (QSRR). We believe that this manuscript is appropriate for publication by Journal of the Serbian Chemical Society because it publishes papers dealing with research and development results such as QSRR studies. I suggest those reviewers for the peer-reviewing process.

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Thank you for your consideration of this manuscript.

Sincerely,

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