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THE BOOK CORNER

BIOFLUID ASSAY FOR PEPTIDE-RELATED AND OTHER DRUGS, E. Reid, H. M. Hill, I. D. Wilson, eds., Volume 24 in the Methodological Surveys in Bioanalysis of Drugs series, The Royal Society of Chemistry, Cambridge, U.K., 1996, 350 pp., £89.50.

This volume is based on the proceedings of the 11th International Bioanalytical Forum, conducted by the Forum Syndicate of the Chromatographic Society. The symposium was held August 29 to September 1, 1995 in Guildford, U.K.

The apparent purpose of this volume is, simply, to record and disseminate the proceedings. Although some of the contributions are excellently reported, some of the proceedings included in this volume are somewhat abbreviated, sometimes comprising no more than a brief outline of the work that is reported. Expanded, complete papers would, no doubt, have made this a useful reference manual.

An analyte index is included at the end of the book. This would be, perhaps, the most valuable contribution. But, its organization is confusing, requiring more than a quick reference to locate a specific analyte.

The contributions are grouped under the following topics:

Peptide-Type Agents

Agents with Peptide-Type Targets

Various Drug Analytes: Problems and Strategies

Sample Treatment including Protein Removal and SPE

Approaches for Analytical Separation and Detection

Data Acquisition and Validity in Relation to Drug Appraisal

This volume, according to the publisher, is aimed at the staffs of research and professional organizations involved in drug development and bioanalytical research. Although this is the audience to whom the covered subjects would appeal, one must be cautioned not to expect more than sketchy overviews with minimal references to the published literature. As such, the volume's utility is limited.

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