

GUIDELINES FOR THE PRECLINICAL EVALUATION AND CLINICAL TRIALS IN OSTEOPOROSIS

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This short and concise book, compiled by leading authorities and researchers in the field, recommends guidelines for the design of research trials relating to bone and mineral metabolism. The type of trials covered range from preclinical *in vitro* studies and rodent models to phase 3 trials in humans. Useful advice is given regarding the kind of research that can be done, techniques available and how these can be applied, and endpoints that can be measured. Pitfalls that may occur are also highlighted.

The content is concise and easily digestible. The value of the book could have been enhanced by the presentation of some of the information in tabular or schematic format. Although there is a limited reference section, this could have been expanded on, especially for those not familiar with some of the techniques used. Nonetheless, this is a useful book and can be recommended for reading and the bookshelves of those involved with bone research. And at the price, it is good value for money.