Aims
Between these covers are ten articles on the methodology of clinical trials. Each article has been written as a self-contained entity. The articles are intended to help all those involved in the design and conduct of clinical trials. As they describe first principles, they will probably be of most help to doctors entering the relatively new field of medical adviser in the pharmaceutical industry, and to those doctors who are about to embark on a clinical trial, perhaps for the first time (Preface, pages 3 and 4).

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