Preamble
The First International Symposium on Clinical Trials mentioned in the Aims below does not appear to have been published.

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This issue on Controlled Clinical Trials: Design, Methods, and Analysis is devoted to the Second International Symposium on Clinical Trials held in Frankfurt am Main, West Germany from July 5-7 1979, which followed the first one held in Lyon, Franc December 9-11, 1977. It was particularly appropriate to have such a symposium in Germany where as a result of the new drug law this technique of evaluating treatment in human beings has become of widespread interest. Those participants in the symposium who have voluntarily agreed to provide a manuscript are due our sincere gratitude since this was not a precondition for members of the Faculty of the symposium. The guest editors have attempted to bring those presentations which are of methodological interest. Our apologies are due to those who presented the findings of specific studies, which were not included in this issue because of the journal’s editorial policy (Introduction, page 281).

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