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### ***Aims***

*One of the three primary objectives of the Coronary Drug Project (CDP) was to develop more advanced methodology for the design and conduct of long-term, large, collaborative trials which could be applied to other such studies. Overviews of the design and methods of the CDP have been published previously, as has a detailed monograph on design, methods, and baseline results. However, these papers and monograph simply described methods used in the CDP without discussing their merits and demerits, and whether or not they should be recommended for use in future studies. An attempt has been made in this monograph to devote greater attention to those methods deemed to work well in the CDP. Methods not to be recommended for future studies are noted, with alternative approaches suggested. In some cases, CDP methods are compared and evaluated against those of other multicenter clinical trials. Methods used in more recent studies are occasionally described if deemed to represent a major improvement over CDP methods (Preface, page ix).*

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