

BOOK REVIEW

"Pharmaceutical Process Validation"

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Validation at present is a topic like sex in Victorian England. We talk about it in hushed tones but not everyone is quite sure of all the technical details. This book should go a long way to remedying the situation.

The editors have been fortunate in obtaining the services of a number of experienced pharmaceutical scientists to write the various chapters. As with any multi-author book there is a variation in style and level of treatment but in general the book is well-written and easy to read. The chapters are arranged in a logical sequence and cover the major topics of interest to the pharmaceutical industry. Some chapters (e.g., chapter four) provide most useful direct practical advice on validation whereas others (e.g., chapter one) provide background data essential to an understanding of the present situation.

This book contains much sound information. Obviously, in areas such as validation, which is still very much in a state of flux, there are some points which not all readers may accept as valid. However, this reviewer believes that the general outline of the strategies explored in this book will become widely accepted.

We recommend this book as essential to all industrial scientists who have any involvement in validation. It will also be useful to government regulators and academics.

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