

Book Review

HPCL Methods for Recently Approved Pharmaceuticals, George Lunn, Wiley Interscience, John Wiley & Sons, Inc., Hardback (717 pages), ISBN: 0471669415

This text is a well organized and much-needed continuation of *HPLC Methods for Pharmaceutical Analysis* published in four volumes from 1997 to 2000. I purchased the previous volumes and can attest to their usefulness as handy reference books. This newest volume describes methods for 390 drugs and covers literature reported from approximately mid-1998 through the end of 2003. The drugs are newly approved as identified from the FDA's annual lists of drug approvals and *Annual Reports in Medicinal Chemistry* published by Elsevier/Academic Press. The format of each method is similar to the previous volumes, except now the author has included the retention

times (in minutes) of other drugs that may be detected using the same chromatographic system. The methods are taken from approximately 32 journals.

Each drug is described according to their molecular formula, molecular weight, chemical structure, CAS registry number, and *Merck Index* reference. Each referenced HPLC method is differentiated by the matrix from which the drug is extracted. The HPLC variables are adequately described and easy to follow.

This text should prove to be a valuable reference book.

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