

Book Review

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This work has recently been revised and considerable new data have been added to the two very comprehensive Volumes. As there is a worldwide upsurge in the use and popularity of traditional and alternative medicinal products, this work will form an essential component of most research laboratories in the field. These Volumes therefore appear at a most opportune time.

Many valuable and essential aspects are covered in the two Volumes. Although regulation standards may vary between countries, I have no doubt that the high quality, and consistency of data presentation, will find favour on all continents. Considerable attention has been given to the establishment of acceptable pharmaceutical quality and particularly safety of homoeopathic medicines. Coverage is given to ensure acceptable manufacturing standards/procedures

for specific products. Methods of preparation, storage and usage are described in considerable detail.

In addition to aspects of quality control, the Volumes also contain about 600 monographs on homoeopathic products/plants. These monographs contain a wealth of information on product/plant description, their origin, distribution, product storage, characteristics, how to produce the best product, correct dosage, test for purity and assays associated with the plant/product. All this information increases the value of the Pharmacopoeia and makes it an essential addition for the shelves of teaching institutions, quality control laboratories and product manufacturers. Obtaining this wealth of information is cheap at the price of the two Volumes.

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