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## Preface

This volume represents a guide to the quantitative determination of steroid hormones, their metabolites, and related compounds in blood and urine. Leaders in the field of corticoid analysis kindly joined the effort to critically evaluate the available quantitative methods and have made recommendations for their use in laboratory and clinical studies. For these fine efforts the editors give thanks and assure the contributors that they have, in the larger sense, given an important gift to their colleagues and that their great efforts will be used for important tasks and be deeply appreciated.

This volume should serve well the scientific investigator and workers in hospital and pharmaceutical laboratories. The physician will find the use of this volume particularly valuable and a route to better patient care, since in many instances the clinician depends on the steroid analytical methods as aids in diagnosis and prognosis.

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