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To
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PREFACE

In 2001, I decided to write a book about pharmaceuticals to cover the topics in drug discovery and development, manufacturing, and regulatory compliance. My intention is to have a book that is relevant, informative, and easy to read and understand. My target readership is the pharmaceutical professionals, healthcare students, and general public who wish to have practical information about pharmaceuticals. The result was this book – *Drugs: From Discovery to Approval*, first published in 2004 and then the second edition in 2009.

For this third edition, I have completely revised the contents to include the latest advances and developments. I have added new information and examples. There are now two case studies at the end of each chapter to provide more in-depth perspectives on current issues facing the pharmaceutical industry.

I am particularly grateful to Dr. Wayne Gordon, who read through the entire manuscript and provided many helpful suggestions. Dr. Loh Kean Chong and Dr. Dinesh Khokal have read through all the editions, and their contributions are very much appreciated. I also wish to thank Dr. Peter New and Mr. Chris Sweeney for their perceptive comments on different sections of this book. I am indebted to Mr. Ryan O'Connell, who meticulously checked through the manuscript and corrected the errors and inconsistencies.

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