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symposium, clinical trials. These papers encompass recent methodological advances on several important topics, summaries of the state of the art of methodology in key areas of clinical trials, as well as innovative applications of the existing theory and methods. This volume will be a valuable reference for researchers and practitioners in the field of clinical trials.
