

valuable review of the present knowledge of platelet physiology and pathophysiology. Further he has described the effect of many drugs on platelet function and the use of these drugs in certain large clinical trials in cerebrovascular and ischaemic heart disease and in other specific clinical situations—for example, thrombotic thrombocytopenic purpura. Dr. Weiss has done a fantastic task in reviewing some 827 papers in 107 pages of text. This monograph is valuable and of wide interest and in spite of this condensed mass of fact it is interesting to read and still contains a significant amount of the author's own wisdom and valuable criticism.

This monograph must be a valuable addition to the shelves of any Haematology Department or of any clinician who has an interest in the field of haemostasis or thrombosis. It is good value at the quoted price.

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## Some new titles

The receipt of these books is acknowledged and this listing must be regarded as sufficient return for the courtesy of the lender. Books that appear to be of particular interest will be reviewed as space permits.

**Development of Cancer Centres and Community Cancer Control Programmes.** Report on a WHO Working Group. EURO Reports and Studies 70. (Pp 38; paperback; Sw fr 4.) World Health Organisation. 1982.

**Medical Microbiology Laboratory Procedures.** Lucy Treagan and Lynn Pulliam. (Pp 318; illustrated; £12.) WB Saunders Company. 1982.

**Progress in Clinical Cancer.** Vol VIII. Ed Irving M Ariel. (Pp 350; \$74.50.) Grune & Stratton Inc. 1982.

**Mutagens in our Environment.** Progress in Clinical and Biological Research. Vol. 109. Ed Marja Sorsa and Harri Vainio. (Pp 504; £38.) Alan R Liss Inc. 1982.

## Correction

In the paper by Smith *et al*<sup>1</sup> in the February 1983 issue, page 235, Material and methods, lines 22–24 should read:

(i) 72% ethanol, 5 ml; (ii) 0.15 M acetate pH 3.8, 3 ml; (iii) 0.3 M acetate pH 3.8, 1 ml; (iv) 0.3 M acetate pH 3.8, 2 ml; (v) 0.9 M acetate pH 5.0, 3 ml; (vi) 0.9 M acetate pH 9.6, 3 ml.

The authors apologise for this error which was due to a mistake in the calculation of the molarity of a stock solution of acetic acid.

## Reference

- <sup>1</sup> Smith SM, Myszor M, Setchell KDR, Murphy GM. Measurement of conjugated and unconjugated serum bile acid concentrations using 3 $\alpha$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase. *J Clin Pathol* 1983;**36**:235–6.