

tion of intracellular localisation of steroid hormone receptors in a series of articles which critically evaluate all of the available methodology including both biochemical and histochemical techniques. As such it is a valuable and timely addition to the literature.

Despite the fact that the steroid hormone receptors have been actively studied over a period of some 30 years, there is still a good deal of confusion about the intracellular compartments in which they exist.

In an introductory chapter EV Jensen puts a brave face on this confusion by pointing out that if all receptors, both native and activated, had remained bound in the nuclear fraction of tissue homogenates, it would have been much more difficult to have recognised the different forms of the protein and their interrelation, so there may have been considerable delay in discovering the phenomenon of hormone induced receptor activation. Nevertheless, it still remains possible that other sites exist for receptors, and a later chapter in the book deals with the question of membrane associated steroid hormone receptors, although this is still an area of controversy.

There is thus a considerable amount of information available in this book which is timely and useful to a wide readership. Regrettably, extracting the information when required is a good deal more difficult. The index is very thin and hardly amounts to much more than a list of the different types of hormones, while the contents page listed the chapter titles all right but didn't give page numbers. These amateurish errors in subediting regrettably distract from what is otherwise an extremely useful publication.

GP VINSON

## Correction

### Immunocytochemical detection of tumours of neuroectodermal origin

There was an error in the Laboratory technique by P J Carey *et al* (May 1988;41:586-589). The last two sentences of the first paragraph on page 586 should have read:

When the infiltration is heavy the morphological diagnosis of undifferentiated malignancy is straightforward, but the differential diagnosis from leukaemia, lymphoma, or other primitive tumours can be difficult on the basis of appearance alone. When the level of infiltration is low, morphological detection can be difficult even when the diagnosis is known.

## Notices

### Postgraduate Course in Gynaecological and Obstetric Pathology with clinical correlation

April 10-14, 1989

The departments of Pathology, Massachusetts General Hospital and Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, will present a post-graduate course in gynaecological and obstetric pathology under the direction of Drs Robert E Scully, Robert H Young, and Shirley G Driscoll.

This course is designed for pathologists and obstetrician-gynaecologists at resident and practitioner levels. It will provide an in depth review of gynaecological and obstetric pathology with emphasis on morphological diagnostic features and clinicopathological correlation, including management. Special attention will be paid to recent advances and newly recognised entities. Instruction will be primarily by lecture, but will also include case presentations and discussion periods. Each participant will receive a comprehensive course syllabus.

Fee: \$595.00 (residents and fellows \$395.00).

For further information contact: Department of Continuing Education, Harvard Medical School, 25 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115, USA. (Telephone: 617-732-1525.)

### Dermatopathology self-assessment workshop

A dermatopathology self-assessment workshop will be held at Guy's Hospital, London, Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 April 1989.

The course is for both pathologists and dermatologists and will cover a broad range of subjects. Participants will have an opportunity to study 100 unknown slides during two microscope sessions, followed by a formal discussion.

Fee: £75.00 for all participants.

For further information please contact: Marion Ellis, Secretary to D M MacDonald, Dermatology Department, Guy's Hospital, St Thomas Street, London SE1 9RT, United Kingdom.

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Friday March 31 and Saturday April 1 1989

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