to discuss these problems intelligently with the MLSO staff (who in our department found the volume useful).

The main bulk of the book focuses on specific diagnostic areas, drawing on the extensive experience of the authors. There is, for example, a detailed treatment of lymphoreticular tumours and a section on soft tissue tumours which contains superb differential diagnostic tables. A chapter on neuroendocrine tumours is particularly lucid. There is also a thorough discussion of the recent state of play in the prognostic typing of tumours, including oestrogen receptors in breast carcinoma, and the range and use of markers of cell proliferative activity. These practical chapters are supplemented by useful algorithms dealing with differential diagnostic problems contained in the appendix, which also includes a section on technical methods.

There is certainly a wealth of information here, which, hopefully, should not be out of date for some years, and the volume is well worth having to hand as a bench book, especially in smaller departments which use immunohistochemistry less extensively. On the negative side, the very concise presentation of information with much use of detailed tables does not make it a particularly easy read in places, and rather too much use is made of abbreviations in places, errors creep in occasionally. Other minor criticisms are the very variable quality of photomicrographs and that, considering the volume is aimed at the non-specialist, it is rare always made clear which antibodies can be used on formalin fixed paraffin embedded sections. These problems, however, detract little from a good, useful book.

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This slim volume is aimed at the non-specialist and provides a useful, practical guide to immunohistochemistry as applied to diagnostic histopathology. The authors give a brief historical outline of the subject together with general information on the current primary antibodies and secondary detection systems available, detailing their advantages and disadvantages. The discussion on possible technical sources of unsatisfactory reactions should make it possible