

among the activities of one or other of them, but other substances such as promethazine or bromlysergic acid diethylamide are powerful antagonists of histamine and of 5-hydroxytryptamine respectively and would not usually be regarded as anti-inflammatory agents. Most of the recognized anti-inflammatory agents are also analgesics, and one may wonder how far the diminution in central nervous activity which presumably accompanies analgesia also diminishes the reflex activity which contributes to the inflammatory response. Several of the best-known anti-inflammatory agents either uncouple oxidative phosphorylation or are metabolized into powerful uncoupling substances, but it remains to be shown whether and how failure of the coupling mechanism modifies the processes of inflammation.

An international symposium attended by chemists, pharmacologists, and physicians was held at Milan in September 1964, and the proceedings have been published with commendable rapidity. They are divided into three parts—biochemical, pharmacological, and clinical. The quality of the papers varies.

Some are usefully factual, some thoughtful or critical, and some suggest rather hasty searching for wonder drugs. Collectively they give a most useful survey of work in progress in this field. The print and the binding are of high quality, but the first copy sent to the reviewer lacked 20 pages in the middle. As an immediate source of up-to-date information the publication is useful, but much of its material is liable to reappraisal and will probably no longer be acceptable in a few years' time.

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## Skin Tumours

**Early Diagnosis, Pathohistology and Treatment of Malignant Tumours of the Skin.** By T. Venkei, M.D., and J. Sugar, M.D. (Pp. 368. £3 10s.) Budapest: Hungarian Academy of Sciences. 1965.

This well-produced but somewhat over-illustrated book is intended for both medical

students and general practitioners. As such it is an orthodox presentation of the subject, fairly complete on histopathology but incomplete on aetiology and treatment. For instance, no mention is made of chemosurgery in the treatment of advanced skin tumours.<sup>1</sup> The book is valuable in so far as some of the German and East European references quoted will not be well known to workers in Great Britain.

The English translation is nearly always understandable, but there are many spelling mistakes, particularly of proper names, and unusual words and constructions are frequent.

The book deserves to be consulted by those directly concerned with the histopathology of skin tumours, for they may well find much of interest in it, but the needs of medical students and general practitioners are as adequately met by existing books which cover the subject more economically.

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