

REVIEWS

MANSON'S TROPICAL DISEASES BY WILCOX AND MANSON-BAHR

Students of tropical medicine who read the previous edition of this book edited by Sir Philip-Bahr will find this work under the new authors a welcome change. The older edition although a gold mine of information made very tedious reading. The new edition has a better format and is easier to read. Many old references have been omitted and replaced with up-to-date information. In addition to this a number of good illustrations have been added. However, there are a few errors some of them quite serious. In describing the life cycle of *Toxoplasma gondii* it is stated that "Oocysts which are found in chronic infections are usually contained in hundreds and thousands in a cyst". This information is totally incorrect. Oocysts have no relation to tissue cysts nor are they found in humans, as gametogony of this parasite only

occurs in the cat. Tetrachlorethylene is recommended for the treatment of Ascariasis. This drug could be highly dangerous if used for this purpose as it can irritate the worm and induce ectopic migration. In addition to this no mention is made of Pyrantel pamoate which is one of the best wide spectrum anthelmintics available at present. Singapore is shown as an area from which malaria has completely disappeared. Unfortunately, this statement is also incorrect.

In the end the book has a large chapter on medical parasitology. This chapter is concisely written and will act as a useful guide to the clinician who does not want a separate book on parasitology. The book is available as a paper back and is a good buy for the price quoted.

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UFAW HANDBOOK ON THE CARE AND MANAGEMENT OF LABORATORY ANIMALS
4TH EDITION 1972. CHURCHILL LIVINGSTONE £7.00.

Anyone whose work involves experimental animals soon learns that his results depend very much on the quality of his subjects. Laboratory animal science has therefore become an important specialty and a large variety of animals have been adopted for biological assay and for teaching purposes.

The Universities Federation for Animal Welfare was formed in 1938 and its Handbook on Care and Management of Laboratory Animals has

been the standby for all who have to do with the breeding and handling of laboratory animals.

The 4th Edition of the Handbook is comprehensive in scope and goes into the practical details of the use of animals ranging from monkeys to earthworms.

An important part is the bibliography giving further information for those who wish to go further.

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BOOKS AND JOURNALS RECEIVED

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