

BOOK REVIEWS

Research on Steroids (Edited by H. BREUER, A. HUGHES, A. KLOPPER, C. CONTI, P. JUNGBLUTT and L. LERNER). North-Holland Publishing Company (1975), Vol. VI, 497 pp.

This volume presents the transactions of the Sixth Meeting of the International Study Group for Steroid Hormones held in Rome in December 1973. This volume is particularly concerned with the problem of the control of aldosterone and the physiological and physico-pathological implications of this hormone, particularly in different aspects of hypertension, as well as the up-to-date research and recent data on many important and related problems. This book will be of great value to people concerned with endocrinology, biochemistry, physiology, therapy, general pathology and, in particular, hypertension. Also it will be very useful for clinicians, advanced students and those working in fundamental research.

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Receptors in Human Breast Cancer (Edited by W. L. MCGUIRE, P. P. CARBONE and E. P. VOLLMER). North Holland Publishing Company, Amsterdam (1975), 284 pp.

This volume contains the most recent information on the relationship of breast cancer and hormones and it represents the presentations of the data obtained by more than a dozen groups working on this problem and summarized in a meeting organized by the National Cancer Institute (Bethesda, MD, July 18-19 1974).

The most relevant finding is the presence of specific estrogen receptors in 30-40% of the total mammary cancers ("hormone-dependent tumours") of which 50-60% respond favourably to endocrine therapy. This opens promising perspectives in the treatment of this disease.

This is a useful book for the practitioner, advanced student and research work, and will be of great interest to those in the endocrine and cancer field, in physiology, biochemistry, gynaecology, therapy and general pathology.

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