

on embryology are generally poor and do no service to the concise and clear text. In a similar way, descriptions of physical examination would be better supplemented with photographs and diagrams. There is inevitably some repetition, but this does not detract from the overall quality of the chapters.

Animal models are reviewed in some detail. Although they may help to unravel some of the intricacies of neural tube closure (given sufficient research funding), there has been no genetic contact between the animal model and humans since the common ancestor eons ago. If we still share the same basic system for neural tube closure, this part of the system must be robust and quite resistant to change. Weakness in the neural tube closure pathway may lie closer to humankind. As my daughter (a paleontologist) is fond of pointing out, although we humans regard ourselves as the pinnacle of evolutionary potential, common birth defects such as neural tube defects serve to remind us otherwise. With only 3 million years of human existence, we may yet prove to be evolutionary failures in the grand scheme.

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CORRECTIONS

A MicroRNA Signature Associated with Prognosis and Progression in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (October 27, 2005;353:1793-801). On page 1796, in Table 2, the column head "Level of Expression in Group 4" and the corresponding footnote should have referred to "Group 1."

Aromatase Inhibitors — A Triumph of Translational Oncology (Dec. 29, 2005;353:2807-9). On page 2807, the sentence that begins five lines from the bottom of the right-hand column should have read, "The Italian Anastrozole Trial (ITA), with a median follow-up of 36 months, compared 2 to 3 years of tamoxifen followed by 2 to 3 years of anastrozole with 5 years of tamoxifen and found that sequential treatment increased recurrent-free survival by 5.8 percentage points," not "reduced recurrent-free survival," as printed.

The Challenge of Subgroup Analyses — Reporting without Distorting (April 20, 2006;354:1667-9). On page 1668, the formula on line 3 of the middle column should have read " $1-0.95^{1/K}$ " rather than " $(1-0.95)^{1/K}$," as printed. We regret the error.

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