

on page 86, the naïve novice will be astonished to learn that 'brain weight at 75 years of age is 56% of the original weight'. On page 341 the drug 'Priadel' is spelt 'Priardel' twice, and the plasma lithium levels suggested as a routine guide—that is, '1–1.5 m equiv./l'—would produce an unnecessarily large number of neurotoxic effects in elderly patients if unquestionably accepted.

Despite these criticisms, psychiatrists with a particular interest in the elderly might consider personally buying the book, and all postgraduate psychiatric libraries should clearly possess a copy.

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Letters

PRIMARY INTRACRANIAL RHABDOMYOSARCOMA PRODUCING PROPTOSIS

SIR,—With reference to the article on this subject by S. Shuangshoti and C. Phonprasert, published in the *Journal of Neurology, Neurosurgery, and Psychiatry* (1976, 39, 531–535) in which the authors state in the description and summary: 'A suggestion is made that the "medullomyoblastoma" should be classified as a type of neoplasm of mixed mesenchymal and neuroepithelial origin', I take the liberty of suggesting that, in the paper 'Central neuroblastic tumour associated with smooth muscle fibres', published in *European Neurology* (1975, 93, 258–272), the two components of medullomyoblastoma have for the first time been demonstrated by us by means of electron microscopy: