

organisms are not mentioned. The final section which includes the nutritional benefits of the intestinal microflora and their place in intestinal toxicology is well presented. The 'glossary' requires some attention, particularly the suggestion that Giardiasis is an important vaginal infection. Overall, the book is a reasonable buy, and as the authors suggest, will be of interest to microbiologists, gastroenterologists and students of biology and medicine.

M J G FARTHING

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International Symposium on Prophylaxis of Variceal Bleeding

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