A confidence interval from a crossover trial should be based on within subject comparisons using both periods and not on between group comparisons for one period as suggested by Dr Logan. Our main purpose in writing, however, is to give the strongest possible support to Dr Logan’s suggestion that confidence intervals should be used for the main endpoints of clinical trials, regardless of p values.

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**Books**


This volume is one in the Clinics and Gastroenterology series published by Saunders and consists of a number of chapters on specific topics related to developing areas in gastrointestinal endoscopy. The authors are from around the world, all being at the forefront of their field and writing well. Currently Saunders have divided this Clinics in Gastroenterology series into two with one volume aimed for North America and the other one for Europe. There are no doubt good commercial reasons for this unfortunate development and this volume illustrates well how important it is to have an international authorship of repute and not to become parochial in our view.

The volume provides a valuable update in the selected areas chosen, although unfortunately there is a considerable overlap in the chapters involving ERCP and this perhaps is not surprising bearing in mind the particular expertise of the author, Professor Meinhard Classen. Less overlap would have allowed a further chapter to have been included. The volume is aimed at the practising endoscopist intending to update him in new developments of now familiar techniques. A good illustration of this is a thoughtful chapter on the role of the endoscope in clinical trials, where some of the problems frequently encountered