butors from other institutions to provide a balanced picture of childhood motility disorders, and their
diagnosis and management. The emphasis is on
infancy, but that is only to be expected; for the most
part, children are born with these disorders and it is
only to be expected that they will be diagnosed in
early life. The chapters vary in scope from reviews to
accounts of single research projects, but this is the
state of the art in this field, and (almost) none of the
chapters are dull. The only discordant note in the
book is a chapter on 'pro-kinetic drugs' by two
authors from the 'Janssen Research Foundation'.
Half of the chapter is devoted to the discussion of two
drugs (one not yet licensed in the USA, the other
neither in the UK nor the USA) that, by an amazing
coincidence, are manufactured by a pharmaceutical
company that shares the name and address of the
research foundation. Perhaps a firmer editorial hand
was needed here. . . .

This is a slim volume, but like its topic, the subject
is relatively infant. It is the more unfortunate that the
price of the book is precociously mature; one can
only hope that this will not deter both paediatricians
and gastroenterologists from buying this book.

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