Crisis? What crisis?

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This title of the first and best Supertramp album that came out in 1975, the year I started medical school, may apply well today if one looks at the state of hematopathology. Of course the financial and political turbulence in the world affects us all to a larger or smaller extend, but it seems that it is not affecting the progress we make. Hematopathologists from all over the world make progress in the understanding of lymphomas and other hematological diseases; new tools are developed all the time, and increasingly, we are able to really understand the tumors we are dealing with. In this issue of the *Journal of Hematopathology*, we see again a combination of new findings, reviews, and a literature overview, and for the first time, there are book reviews. One may wonder whether it is appropriate to do book reviews and even to make books. Isn't all the information one needs readily available on the internet? In my opinion, it is just because there is such an overload of information that one needs individuals to reflect on what appears in the literature and select what is relevant and what is not. Not everything that is published is equally important, but how to make the selection.

Of course, the best journals, which are, by the way, not necessarily the ones with the highest impact, have often the better articles. High-impact journals distinguish themselves from others in the fact that they are often cited and fast,

only citations to articles in the 2 years that follow the publication count. It is only time that tells whether articles are really important, time needed for studies that confirm or refute the results. By doing regular literature reviews, one learns how much is published and it is impossible to read everything. Some work that is really important for the routine practice of hematopathology appears in journals that are not so well-known, and in some well-known journals, some articles are actually not that good. One sees hypes coming and going and there are many findings never confirmed. It is therefore so important that we still have books in which the information is really tested over time, but that brings a great responsibility to the authors. The two books reviewed in this issue really stand out and are worth having for every pathologist with an interest in hematopathology.

I do not underestimate the effects of the financial situation in the world on our profession: almost everywhere, there are constraints to funding health care. And even though pathology is certainly not a real cost driver in medicine, we are feeling the pressure. How to answer that? Indeed, make good use of the relevant new tools, including logistics, tissue handling and processing, ancillary techniques. I am convinced that specialized pathologists can do hematopathology in a very cost-effective manner. The price of a good diagnosis is still extremely low compared to the total cost of patient management; the price of a wrong diagnosis is almost impossible to estimate. I hope that also this issue of the *Journal of Hematopathology* helps you make better diagnoses, even in times of crisis.

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