ance of "nucleating factors" during certain stages of neuronal differentiation. The rapidly emerging use of immunofluorescent staining to localize microtubule and other structural proteins is discussed by Brinkley et al. and Weber, and papers by Berlin and Oliver provide excellent reviews, including primary data, of recent evidence pertaining to the role of microtubules in membrane organization. Many of the papers in this section consist of data that have already appeared in journals. Although disorganized and occasionally noncritical, the section is a useful compendium of studies in which microtubule inhibitors have played an important role in the elucidation of function.

Discussion of the role of microtubules in mitosis is limited to a paper by Bajer *et al*. that provides recent experimental evidence to support the "zipper hypothesis" for chromosome movement.

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