This is a great book: Why? It usually takes me a while to page through another book on bovine diseases and, therefore, I was reluctant to review this one. However, once into this atlas of bovine abnormalities I was kept pleasantly occupied for a couple of months.

On almost every page the pictures divulge something new or interesting and this encouraged me to read the accompanying text, which either supported or disproved my interpretation of the presented disorder or condition.

The lower limb and claw section is extremely well covered, but knowing a little about the authors’ interests this is not surprising. It is about time that veterinarians and farmers become better acquainted with the many and various problems of the bovine digit, and what better way than with brilliant pictures and a few explanatory notes.

There are contributions from a number of other countries, which show some of the specific diseases and disorders that affect their indigenous cattle. If these well-illustrated lesions are detected in South African cattle, the early warning ‘red flags’ should be triggered, thus alerting us to a possible breach in biological security across international borders.

This excellent quality, hardcover, third edition of Atlas of Diseases and Disorders of Cattle can be recommended to all those in the cattle business and industry, especially those in the diagnostic field. In this book, the practising veterinarian, student and farmer have easy access to confirming or differentiating the various cattle diseases and disorders when handling and treating patients.