

# Preface

This volume champions a new book series, of which I am honored to be the editor and to have the opportunity to be the first contributor. As with any endeavor, it is both exciting and frightening to be the first. What if the format of the book is not an optimal match for the presented subject? What if the illustrations are not clear and are difficult to digest? What if it is too long, and after reading the first few pages the reader feels bored and the book finds its place on a dusty shelf among outdated manuals and last century's catalogs? Fortunately, we managed to convert all of these "what if" worries into a concise writing plan that serves as a road map to help us reach our goal: showing the elements of immunohistochemistry and explaining how they come together to make this technique work.

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