of the molecular mechanisms of action there will hopefully be further improvements in the control of this disease.

Having read this book I expect that people will eagerly await the second edition.

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The overview suggests that it is only in a few tumours that specific sensitive markers have emerged. However, the research has undoubtedly provided biochemical stratification both of the tumour cells and the host's reactions to tumour that can provide information that is additive to the well-established clinical and pathological criteria for predicting survival.

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