

Viral Heart Disease

H.-D. Bolte (ed.)

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This book contains about 25 reports of presentations made at the Workshop on Viral Heart Disease, held in Munich in January 1983. All in vitro experiments, experimental data from animal studies and clinical observations, described and discussed in this book, are related to the hypothesis that dilated cardiomyopathy, a heart disease with unknown aetiology, is due to an acute viral infection which triggers a process of auto-immunisation. All facets of this hypothesis are considered. Unfortunately the book does not provide an overall view on the problem; it rather leaves the reader with the impression that one is still scratching its surface. Neither does the book provide answers to questions on diagnosis or therapy. For those who are engaged in research on dilated cardiomyopathy it is a useful collection of available data.

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