

Book review

Conquest of Viral Diseases – a topical review of drugs and vaccines

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This book is the first volume in a series which will cover various aspects of Medical Virology. In 17 chapters and 680 pages the book treats the whole field of medical virology (molecular and biological aspects of viral replication, antigenic structure of viruses, pathogenesis and epidemiology of viral diseases) in a perspective of the development of vaccines and antiviral chemotherapy. It is a comprehensive textbook for scientists in the antiviral research field.

The volume editors, Drs. J.S. Oxford and Bo Öberg, should be congratulated on providing us with a book that, by its comprehensiveness, its transparent organization, its balance between detail and main topics should become a reference work for all who are active in the field. The publication of the book comes very timely, now that second and third generation antiherpetics are making their appearance, and that cloned DNA probes and monoclonal antibodies are about to revolutionize medical virology. Rapid diagnosis, diagnosis of previously inaccessible viral diseases, development of new types of subunit vaccines and of new antivirals will, within the next decade, change the face of medical virology. The series "Perspectives in Medical Virology" holds many promises. With this first volume of the series the editors have set a very high standard.

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