

Book Reviews

Methods of Enzymatic Analysis. Volume VI: Metabolites 1: Carbohydrates. Hans Ulrich Bergmeyer. Verlag Chemie, Weinheim, 1984. xxix + 701 pp., with 26 figures and 16 tables. Series price DM 295, individual volume price DM 350.

Bergmeyer's *Methods of Enzymatic Analysis* Volume VI deals with the determination of carbohydrate metabolites. The book is divided into four subsections dealing with poly-, oligo- and disaccharides, monosaccharides and their derivatives, three carbon compounds and two and one carbon compounds. This division of material works extremely well. Most authors carried out the editors' instructions and indicated clearly other methods for determining the metabolite apart from the one described. This makes the book extremely useful as an introduction into the literature of a particular enzyme.

One small complaint I have is the predominance of German language references in an English international edition. As in previous volumes some authors do not quote any English language references, which seems a pity.

However, this is a minor fault in a quite excellent book. Not only am I, as an enzymologist, enthusiastic about this volume but a colleague who is a carbohydrate chemist was equally impressed. This speaks highly of the overall scientific quality of the book and the editors are to be congratulated.

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