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Book Review

Isoelectric focusing, edited by J. P. Arbutnott and J. A. Beeley, Butterworths, London, 1975, XI + 367 pp., price £ 14.45, ISBN 0-408-70659-7.

The chapters of this book (contributions from a meeting on isoelectric focusing held in 1973 in Glasgow) have all been written by research workers who have made use of this separation technique. Various types of equipments are discussed and several separations are shown. Some of the problems that one can expect in isoelectric focusing analyses are briefly mentioned.

The subject is divided in four sections: (1) the technique of isoelectric focusing; (2) applications in protein structure studies; (3) applications in immunology; and (4) miscellaneous applications.

If one bought this volume solely on the Editors' claim: "To provide a detailed account of all aspects of isoelectric focusing, dealing with the established procedure, as well as the most recent developments", one will probably feel disappointed. Nevertheless, this volume summarises well the possibilities of isoelectric focusing and discusses briefly some of the background, as is normal in a symposium volume nowadays.

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