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In such a fragmented field as toxicology with so many diverse practices and specialisms, it is hard to gain an idea of continuity.

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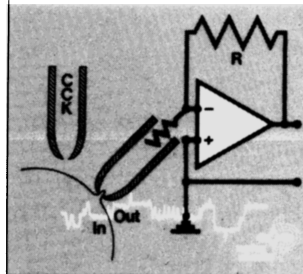
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