

METHODS IN ENZYMOLOGY

Preface

The rapid growth of interest and research activity in ion channels is indicative of their fundamental importance in the maintenance of the living state. A brief examination of the table of contents of this volume of *Methods in Enzymology* and of its companion Volume 294 reveals methods that range from the molecular and biochemical level to the cellular, tissue, and whole cell level. These volumes supplement Volume 207 of this series.

Authors have been selected based on research contributions in the area about which they have written and their ability to describe their methodological contributions in a clear and reproducible way. They have been encouraged to make use of graphics, comparisons to other methods, and to provide tricks and approaches that make it possible to adapt methods to other systems.

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