

Preface

This book has been a concerted effort by a group of academicians, researchers and scientists, who have contributed their research works for the realization of the book. This book has materialized in the wake of emerging advancements and innovations in this field. Therefore, the need of the hour was to compile all the required researches and disseminate the knowledge to a broad spectrum of people comprising of students, researchers and specialists of the field.

Molecular virology refers to the study of molecular structures and characteristics of viruses. It is aimed at analysing in detail, the specific viral genes and their products. This book provides significant information on molecular virology and provides a comprehensive overview on concepts such as life cycle of viruses, molecular analysis of viruses infecting agricultural crops, use of virus strains for developing vaccines and pharmaceuticals, etc. The book is appropriate for students seeking detailed information in this area as well as for experts.

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Editor