

Preface

We are very pleased and proud to present this first edition of the publicly - published biochemistry textbook written in English.

The 21st century is an era for life science. Lots of wonders are being created, and explosive information is being provided at an unprecedented speed. Biochemistry is a window opening to the world of life science. Thus, the knowledge of biochemistry which involves the study of chemical molecules and reactions in living organisms, and the elucidations of the nature of live phenomenon on the molecular level, is essential to medical students, as well as to the students of other related disciplines.

As is known to all, when biochemistry is taught in English, it will be double-beneficial to the students, for they get trained in their professional language while learning biochemical knowledge. This is not only significant to students who want to expand their knowledge from other sources written in English apart from the Chinese versions, but also helpful to the students who are going to pursue their scientific career in the future. We have firm belief in this from many years' experience of ours in teaching "All-English" class.

We painstakingly and skillfully arrange the material in our textbook in such forms that are easy to teach and to study. We also hope that it will be a suitable textbook for undergraduates, as well as a useful reference book for graduate students and clinical doctors.

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For lack of enough time and writing skills, mistakes are unavoidable, and therefore, comments and suggestions are especially appreciated.

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