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The field called Learning Classifier Systems is populated with romantics. Why shouldn't it be possible for computer programs to adapt, learn, and develop while interacting with their environments? In particular, why not systems that, like organic populations, contain competing, perhaps cooperating, entities evolving together? John Holland was one of the earliest scientists with this vision, at a time when so-called artificial intelligence was in its infancy and mainly concerned with preprogrammed systems that didn't learn. that, like organisms, had sensors, took Instead, Holland envisaged systems actions, and had rich self-generated internal structure and processing. In so doing he foresaw and his work prefigured such present day domains as reinforcement learning and embedded agents that are now displacing the older "standard Af". One focus was what Holland called "classifier systems": sets of competing rule like "classifiers", each a hypothesis as to how best to react to some aspect of the environment--or to another rule. The system embracing such a rule "popu lation" would explore its available actions and responses, rewarding and rating the active rules accordingly. Then "good" classifiers would be selected and re produced, mutated and even crossed, a la Darwin and genetics, steadily and reliably increasing the system's ability to cope.

The polymerase chain reaction (PCR) is a widely used molecular biology technique. It was invented in 1983 by Kary Mullis, who was awarded a Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1993 for his innovation. Since its introduction, the PCR technology has brought a true revolution in scientific research involving applied areas such as diagnosis and genetic improvements for plants and animals. PCR is a method of replicating deoxyribonucleic acid (DNA) by the selective amplification of a target region of a DNA molecule. Only few cycles of PCR can generate millions of copies of a particular DNA sequence quickly and precisely. Routinely, a PCR reaction consists of three distinct steps- denaturation, annealing and extension. In the first step of denaturation (at 95°C), double stranded DNA denatures into two single strands. In the annealing step (at 56°C), short complementary sequences of DNA known as primers, anneal to the single stranded target DNA. In the final step of extension, temperature is raised to around 72?. DNA polymerase extends the primer to form a second complimentary strand of DNA. The elaboration of a PCR technique for amplification and for analyzing even very small amounts of DNA or a damaged DNA has generated wide applications in analysis of gene, diagnosis of several genetic diseases and detection of infectious agents like viruses, bacteria, fungi, protozoa, etc. Another beneficial application of PCR is in the generation of a genetic fingerprint. PCR is also used to monitor pathogens in the environment. PCR is an imperative technique for research in molecular biology such as in cloning procedure which has considerable potential in forensic science. PCR has numerous applications in various other fields such as agriculture sciences, personalized medicine, archeology, etc. This book gathers the recently published works related to PCR and its applications. The first chapter highlights the introduction to polymerase chain reaction. The second chapter features the application of reverse transcriptase-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR) in the rapid detection of pathogen in water samples. In chapter 3, discussion is on the PCR methods useful for accurate and rapid screening of the genetically modified organisms in foods. PCR applications in forensic science are described in chapter 4. Application of PCR for the diagnosis of ankylosing spondylitis is discussed in chapter 5. In chapters 6-12, use of PCR technique for the detection of pathogens and diagnosis of infectious diseases is described. PCR methods for the detection of Alzheimer's disease-related single nucleotide polymorphism and cancer related genes are illustrated in chapters 13 and 14, respectively. Chapter 15 discusses the PCR in exploring endodontic infections. Analysis of the archaeological skeletal remains using PCR is described in the last chapter of the book. I hope that this book will be advantageous for students, researchers, teachers, and industrial experts.

An Introduction to Biotechnology is a biotechnology textbook aimed at undergraduates. It covers the basics of cell biology, biochemistry and molecular biology, and introduces laboratory techniques specific to the technologies addressed in the book; it addresses specific biotechnologies at both the theoretical and application levels. Biotechnology is a field that encompasses both basic science and engineering. There are currently few, if any, biotechnology textbooks that adequately address both areas. Engineering books are equation-heavy and are written in a manner that is very difficult for the non-engineer to understand. Numerous other attempts to present biotechnology are written in a flowery manner with little substance. The author holds one of the first PhDs granted in both biosciences and bioengineering. He is more than an author enamoured with the wow-factor associated with biotechnology; he is a practicing researcher in gene therapy, cell/tissue engineering, and other areas and has been involved with emerging technologies for over a decade. Having made the assertion that there is no acceptable text for teaching a course to introduce biotechnology to both scientists and engineers, the author committed himself to resolving the issue by writing his own. The book is of interest to a wide audience because it includes the necessary background for understanding how a technology works. Engineering principles are addressed, but in such a way that an instructor can skip the sections without hurting course content. The author has been involved with many biotechnologies through his own direct research experiences. The text is more than a compendium of information - it is an integrated work written by an author who has experienced first-hand the nuances associated with many of the major biotechnologies of general interest today.

First published in 1982. This report examines the application of classical and molecular genetic technologies to micro-organisms, plants, and animals. This book is one of the first comprehensive documents on emerging genetic technologies and their implications for society. The authors discuss the opportunities and problems involved, describe current techniques, and attempt to project some of the economic, environmental, and institutional impacts of those techniques. The issues they raise go beyond those of technology, utility, and economic feasibility. As we gain the ability to manipulate life, we must face basic questions of just what life means and how far we can reasonably and safely allow ourselves to go.

Introduces genetic research and the controversies surrounding the topic, including the ethics of genetic research and engineering, using the discipline for health and legal issues, and genetically engineering nonhuman organisms.

Biotechnology, Second Edition approaches modern biotechnology from a molecular basis, which has grown out of increasing biochemical understanding of genetics and physiology. Using straightforward, less-technical jargon, Clark and Pazdernik introduce each chapter with basic concepts that develop into more specific and detailed applications. This up-to-date text covers a wide realm of topics including forensics, bioethics, and nanobiotechnology using colorful illustrations and concise applications. In addition, the book integrates recent, relevant primary research articles for each chapter, which are presented on an accompanying website. The articles demonstrate key concepts or applications of the concepts presented in the chapter, which allows the reader to see how the foundational knowledge in this textbook bridges into primary research. This book helps readers understand what molecular biotechnology actually is as a scientific discipline, how research in this area is conducted, and how this technology may impact the future. Up-to-date text focuses on modern biotechnology with a molecular foundation. Includes clear, color illustrations of key topics and concepts. Features clearly written without overly technical jargon or complicated examples. Provides a comprehensive supplements package with an easy-to-use study guide, full primary research articles that demonstrate how research is conducted, and instructor-only resources. Concepts of Biology is designed for the single-semester introduction to biology course for non-science majors, which for many students is their only college-level science course. As such,

this course represents an important opportunity for students to develop the necessary knowledge, tools, and skills to make informed decisions as they continue with their lives. Rather than being mired down with facts and vocabulary, the typical non-science major student needs information presented in a way that is easy to read and understand. Even more importantly, the content should be meaningful. Students do much better when they understand why biology is relevant to their everyday lives. For these reasons, Concepts of Biology is grounded on an evolutionary basis and includes exciting features that highlight careers in the biological sciences and everyday applications of the concepts at hand. We also strive to show the interconnectedness of topics within this extremely broad discipline. In order to meet the needs of today's instructors and students, we maintain the overall organization and coverage found in most syllabi for this course. A strength of Concepts of Biology is that instructors can customize the book, adapting it to the approach that works best in their classroom. Concepts of Biology also includes an innovative art program that incorporates critical thinking and clicker questions to help students understand--and apply--key concepts.

Diagnostic Molecular Biology describes the fundamentals of molecular biology in a clear, concise manner to aid in the comprehension of this complex subject. Each technique described in this book is explained within its conceptual framework to enhance understanding. The targeted approach covers the principles of molecular biology including the basic knowledge of nucleic acids, proteins, and genomes as well as the basic techniques and instrumentations that are often used in the field of molecular biology with detailed procedures and explanations. This book also covers the applications of the principles and techniques currently employed in the clinical laboratory.

- Provides an understanding of which techniques are used in diagnosis at the molecular level
- Explains the basic principles of molecular biology and their application in the clinical diagnosis of diseases
- Places protocols in context with practical applications

There is growing enthusiasm in the scientific community about the prospect of mapping and sequencing the human genome, a monumental project that will have far-reaching consequences for medicine, biology, technology, and other fields. But how will such an effort be organized and funded? How will we develop the new technologies that are needed? What new legal, social, and ethical questions will be raised? Mapping and Sequencing the Human Genome is a blueprint for this proposed project. The authors offer a highly readable explanation of the technical aspects of genetic mapping and sequencing, and they recommend specific interim and long-range research goals, organizational strategies, and funding levels. They also outline some of the legal and social questions that might arise and urge their early consideration by policymakers.

Analysis of Genes and Genomes is a clear introduction to the theoretical and practical basis of genetic engineering, gene cloning and molecular biology. All aspects of genetic engineering in the post-genomic era are covered, beginning with the basics of DNA structure and DNA metabolism. Using an example-driven approach, the fundamentals of creating mutations in DNA, cloning in bacteria, yeast, plants and animals are all clearly presented. Newer technologies such as DNA micro and microarrays, proteomics and bioinformatics are introduced in

later chapters helping students to analyse and understand the vast amounts of data that are now available through genome sequence and function projects. Aimed at students with a basic knowledge of the molecular side of biology, this will be invaluable to those looking to better understand the complexities and capabilities of these important new technologies. A modern post-genome era introduction to key techniques used in genetic engineering. An example driven past-to-present approach to allow the experiments of today to be placed in an historical context Beautifully illustrated in full colour throughout. Associated website including updates, additional content and illustrations

Genome-Wide Association Studies (GWAS) are widely used in the genetic dissection of complex traits. Most existing methods are based on single-marker association in genome-wide scans with population structure and polygenic background controls. To control the false positive rate, the Bonferroni correction for multiple tests is frequently adopted. This stringent correction results in the exclusion of important loci, especially for GWAS in crop genetics. To address this issue, multi-locus GWAS methodologies have been recommended, i.e., FASTmrEMMA, ISIS EM-BLASSO, mrMLM, FASTmrMLM, pLARmEB, pKWmEB and FarmCPU. In this Research Topic, our purpose is to clarify some important issues in the application of multi-locus GWAS methods. Here we discuss the following subjects: First, we discuss the advantages of new multi-locus GWAS methods over the widely-used single-locus GWAS methods in the genetic dissection of complex traits, metabolites and gene expression levels. Secondly, large experiment error in the field measurement of phenotypic values for complex traits in crop genetics results in relatively large P-values in GWAS, indicating the existence of small number of significantly associated SNPs. To solve this issue, a less stringent P-value critical value is often adopted, i.e., 0.001, 0.0001 and  $1/m$  ( $m$  is the number of markers). Although lowering the stringency with which an association is made could identify more hits, confidence in these hits would significantly drop. In this Research Topic we propose a new threshold of significant QTN ( $LOD=3.0$  or  $P\text{-value}=2.0e-4$ ) in multi-locus GWAS to balance high power and low false positive rate. Thirdly, heritability missing in GWAS is a common phenomenon, and a series of scientists have explained the reasons why the heritability is missing. In this Research Topic, we also add one additional reason and propose the joint use of several GWAS methodologies to capture more QTNs. Thus, overall estimated heritability would be increased. Finally, we discuss how to select and use these multi-locus GWAS methods.

This contributed volume, written by leading international researchers, reviews the latest developments of genetic programming (GP) and its key applications in solving current real world problems, such as energy conversion and management, financial analysis, engineering modeling and design, and software engineering, to name a few. Inspired by natural evolution, the use of GP has expanded significantly in the last decade in almost every area of science and engineering. Exploring applications in a variety of fields, the information in this

volume can help optimize computer programs throughout the sciences. Taking a hands-on approach, this book provides an invaluable reference to practitioners, providing the necessary details required for a successful application of GP and its branches to challenging problems ranging from drought prediction to trading volatility. It also demonstrates the evolution of GP through major developments in GP studies and applications. It is suitable for advanced students who wish to use relevant book chapters as a basis to pursue further research in these areas, as well as experienced practitioners looking to apply GP to new areas. The book also offers valuable supplementary material for design courses and computation in engineering.

**Omics Technologies and Bio-Engineering: Towards Improving Quality of Life, Volume 1** is a unique reference that brings together multiple perspectives on omics research, providing in-depth analysis and insights from an international team of authors. The book delivers pivotal information that will inform and improve medical and biological research by helping readers gain more direct access to analytic data, an increased understanding on data evaluation, and a comprehensive picture on how to use omics data in molecular biology, biotechnology and human health care. Covers various aspects of biotechnology and bio-engineering using omics technologies Focuses on the latest developments in the field, including biofuel technologies Provides key insights into omics approaches in personalized and precision medicine Provides a complete picture on how one can utilize omics data in molecular biology, biotechnology and human health care

Executive summary and recommendations. Scientific aspects. Funding and institutions. Training. Technology transfer.

This is the first book primarily dedicated to clustering using multiobjective genetic algorithms with extensive real-life applications in data mining and bioinformatics. The authors first offer detailed introductions to the relevant techniques – genetic algorithms, multiobjective optimization, soft computing, data mining and bioinformatics. They then demonstrate systematic applications of these techniques to real-world problems in the areas of data mining, bioinformatics and geoscience. The authors offer detailed theoretical and statistical notes, guides to future research, and chapter summaries. The book can be used as a textbook and as a reference book by graduate students and academic and industrial researchers in the areas of soft computing, data mining, bioinformatics and geoscience.

The new edition of this popular book emphasizes the decisions that need to be made to select one procedure over another.

**Plant Biotechnology And Plant Genetic Resources**, which boasts a truly international list of contributors with a variety of expertise, thoroughly explores all the major contemporary concerns. It discusses the strategies for the best use of modern biotechnology and precious plant genetic resources to alleviate components associated with global constraints in hunger, environment and health. This book is a valuable resource for scientists and policy makers as the world faces unprecedented challenges in the sustainability and productivity of the global food and fibre system.

Polymorphism or variation in DNA sequence can affect individual phenotypes such as color of skin or eyes, susceptibility to diseases, and response to drugs, vaccines, chemicals, and pathogens. Especially, the interfaces between genetics, disease susceptibility, and

pharmacogenomics have recently been the subject of intense research activity. This book is a self-contained collection of valuable scholarly papers related to genetic diversity and disease susceptibility, pharmacogenomics, ongoing advances in technology, and analytic methods in this field. The book contains nine chapters that cover the three main topics of genetic polymorphism, genetic diversity, and disease susceptibility and pharmacogenomics. Hence, this book is particularly useful to academics, scientists, physicians, pharmacists, practicing researchers, and postgraduate students whose work relates to genetic polymorphisms. Your no-nonsense guide to genetics With rapid advances in genomic technologies, genetic testing has become a key part of both clinical practice and research. Scientists are constantly discovering more about how genetics plays a role in health and disease, and healthcare providers are using this information to more accurately identify their patients' particular medical needs. Genetic information is also increasingly being used for a wide range of non-clinical purposes, such as exploring one's ancestry. This new edition of Genetics For Dummies serves as a perfect course supplement for students pursuing degrees in the sciences. It also provides science-lovers of all skill levels with easy-to-follow and easy-to-understand information about this exciting and constantly evolving field. This edition includes recent developments and applications in the field of genetics, such as: Whole-genome and whole-exome sequencing Precision medicine and pharmacogenetics Direct-to-consumer genetic testing for health risks Ancestry testing Featuring information on some of the hottest topics in genetics right now, this book makes it easier than ever to wrap your head around this fascinating subject.

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Applications of Genetic and Genomic Research in Cereals covers new techniques for practical breeding, also discussing genetic and genomic approaches for improving special traits. Additional sections cover drought tolerance, biotic stress, biomass production, the impact of modern techniques on practical breeding, hybrid breeding, genetic diversity, and genomic selection. Written by an international team of top academics and edited by an expert in the field, this book will be of value to academics working in the agricultural sciences and essential reading for professionals working in plant breeding. Provides in-depth and comprehensive coverage of a rapidly developing field Presents techniques used in genetic and genomics research, with coverage of genotyping, gene cloning, genome editing and engineering and phenotyping in various cereals Includes the latest genetic and genomic approaches for improving special traits - drought tolerance, biotic stress and biomass production Covers breeding practices, with chapters on the genetic diversity of wheat, hybrid breeding and the potential of rye and barley crops

The molecular basis of heredity, variation, and evolution -- Transmission genetics -- Cell division and chromosome heredity -- Gene interaction -- Genetic linkage and mapping in eukaryotes -- Genetic analysis and mapping in bacteria and bacteriophages -- DNA structure and replication -- Molecular biology of transcription and RNA processing -- The molecular biology of translation -- Eukaryotic -chromosome abnormalities and molecular organization -- Gene mutation, DNA repair, and homologous recombination -- Regulation of gene expression in bacteria and bacteriophage -- Regulation of gene -expression in eukaryotes -- Analysis of gene function by forward genetics and reverse genetics -- Recombinant DNA technology and its applications -- Genomics : genetics from a whole-genome perspective -- Organellar inheritance and the evolution of organellar genomes -- Developmental genetics -- Genetic analysis of -quantitative traits -- Population genetics and evolution at the population, species,

and molecular levels

This book brings together a rich selection of studies in mathematical modeling and computational intelligence, with application in several fields of engineering, like automation, biomedical, chemical, civil, electrical, electronic, geophysical and mechanical engineering, on a multidisciplinary approach. Authors from five countries and 16 different research centers contribute with their expertise in both the fundamentals and real problems applications based upon their strong background on modeling and computational intelligence. The reader will find a wide variety of applications, mathematical and computational tools and original results, all presented with rigorous mathematical procedures. This work is intended for use in graduate courses of engineering, applied mathematics and applied computation where tools as mathematical and computational modeling, numerical methods and computational intelligence are applied to the solution of real problems.

EvoWorkshops 2006, of which this volume contains the proceedings, was held in Budapest, Hungary, on April 10–12, 2006, jointly with EuroGP 2006 and EvoCOP 2006.

Raising hopes for disease treatment and prevention, but also the specter of discrimination and "designer genes," genetic testing is potentially one of the most socially explosive developments of our time. This book presents a current assessment of this rapidly evolving field, offering principles for actions and research and recommendations on key issues in genetic testing and screening. Advantages of early genetic knowledge are balanced with issues associated with such knowledge: availability of treatment, privacy and discrimination, personal decisionmaking, public health objectives, cost, and more. Among the important issues covered: Quality control in genetic testing. Appropriate roles for public agencies, private health practitioners, and laboratories. Value-neutral education and counseling for persons considering testing. Use of test results in insurance, employment, and other settings.

Industrial engineering affects all levels of society, with innovations in manufacturing and other forms of engineering oftentimes spawning cultural or educational shifts along with new technologies. *Industrial Engineering: Concepts, Methodologies, Tools, and Applications* serves as a vital compendium of research, detailing the latest research, theories, and case studies on industrial engineering. Bringing together contributions from authors around the world, this three-volume collection represents the most sophisticated research and developments from the field of industrial engineering and will prove a valuable resource for researchers, academics, and practitioners alike.

The single most comprehensive and authoritative textbook on bacterial molecular genetics Snyder & Champness *Molecular Genetics of Bacteria* is a new edition of a classic text, updated to address the massive advances in the field of bacterial molecular genetics and retitled as homage to the founding authors. In an era experiencing an avalanche of new genetic sequence information, this updated

edition presents important experiments and advanced material relevant to current applications of molecular genetics, including conclusions from and applications of genomics; the relationships among recombination, replication, and repair and the importance of organizing sequences in DNA; the mechanisms of regulation of gene expression; the newest advances in bacterial cell biology; and the coordination of cellular processes during the bacterial cell cycle. The topics are integrated throughout with biochemical, genomic, and structural information, allowing readers to gain a deeper understanding of modern bacterial molecular genetics and its relationship to other fields of modern biology. Although the text is centered on the most-studied bacteria, *Escherichia coli* and *Bacillus subtilis*, many examples are drawn from other bacteria of experimental, medical, ecological, and biotechnological importance. The book's many useful features include Text boxes to help students make connections to relevant topics related to other organisms, including humans A summary of main points at the end of each chapter Questions for discussion and independent thought A list of suggested readings for background and further investigation in each chapter Fully illustrated with detailed diagrams and photos in full color A glossary of terms highlighted in the text While intended as an undergraduate or beginning graduate textbook, *Molecular Genetics of Bacteria* is an invaluable reference for anyone working in the fields of microbiology, genetics, biochemistry, bioengineering, medicine, molecular biology, and biotechnology. "This is a marvelous textbook that is completely up-to-date and comprehensive, but not overwhelming. The clear prose and excellent figures make it ideal for use in teaching bacterial molecular genetics." —Caroline Harwood, University of Washington

An Introduction to Genetic Engineering Cambridge University Press

Professors Tom Strachan & Andrew Read awarded the Education Award 2007 of the ESHG for their outstanding contribution to the dispersal of knowledge of modern human molecular genetics among students and professionals. Following the completion of the Human Genome Project the content and organization of the third edition of *Human Molecular Genetics* has been thoroughly revised. \* Part One (Chapters 1-7) covers basic material on DNA structure and function, chromosomes, cells and development, pedigree analysis and the basic techniques used in the laboratory. \* Part Two (Chapters 8-12) discusses the various genome sequencing projects and the insights they provide into the organisation, expression, variation and evolution of our genome. \* Part Three (Chapters 13-18) focuses on mapping, identifying and diagnosing the genetic causes of mendelian and complex diseases and cancer. \* Part Four (Chapters 19-21) looks at the wider horizons of functional genomics, proteomics, bioinformatics, animal models and therapy. There are new chapters on cells and development and on functional genomics. The sections on complex diseases have been completely rewritten and reorganized, as has the chapter on Genome Projects. Other changes include a new section on molecular phylogenetics (Chapter 12) and the introduction of 'Ethics Boxes' to discuss some of the implications of the new knowledge. Virtually every page has been revised and updated to take account of the stunning developments of the past four years since the publication of the last edition of *Human Molecular Genetics*. Features: \* Integration of Human Genome Project data throughout the book \* Two new chapters 'Cells and Development' (Chapter 3) and 'Beyond the Genome Project: Functional Genomics, Proteomics and Bioinformatics' (Chapter 19) \* Completely rewritten and reorganised coverage of complex

disease genetics \* Increased emphasis on gene function and on applications of genetic knowledge, including ethical issues \* More prominence given to novel approaches to treating disease, such as cell-based therapies, pharmacogenomics, and personalised medicine \* Special topic boxes that include detailed coverage of ethical, legal and social issues, including eugenics, genetic testing and discrimination, germ-line gene therapy and genetic enhancement, and human cloning \* Contains two indices: a general index and one that contains names of diseases and disorders Supplements: Art of HMG3 (CD-ROM)  
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Technologies collectively called omics enable simultaneous measurement of an enormous number of biomolecules; for example, genomics investigates thousands of DNA sequences, and proteomics examines large numbers of proteins. Scientists are using these technologies to develop innovative tests to detect disease and to predict a patient's likelihood of responding to specific drugs. Following a recent case involving premature use of omics-based tests in cancer clinical trials at Duke University, the NCI requested that the IOM establish a committee to recommend ways to strengthen omics-based test development and evaluation. This report identifies best practices to enhance development, evaluation, and translation of omics-based tests while simultaneously reinforcing steps to ensure that these tests are appropriately assessed for scientific validity before they are used to guide patient treatment in clinical trials. *Trichoderma* spp. are biotechnologically significant fungi, being widely used both in agriculture and industry. These microbes are also a potential drug source of clinical importance. In recent years, driven by advances in genetics and genomics, research on these fungi have opened new avenues for its varied applications. Divided into three sections, covering taxonomy and physiology, interactions with plants and applications and significance, this book also discusses topics that have seen rapid developments in the recent years. Various aspects of *Trichoderma* like molecular taxonomy, sexual and asexual developments, secondary metabolism, beneficial interactions with plants, applications as cell factories and harmful interactions with humans are discussed. This book, thus, hopes to be an essential ready reference for researchers, students and people from industry as well.

This progressive book presents the basic principles of proper statistical analyses. It progresses to more advanced statistical methods in response to rapidly developing technologies and methodologies in the field of molecular biology.

Genome Engineering via CRISPR-Cas9 Systems presents a compilation of chapters from eminent scientists from across the globe who have established expertise in working with CRISPR-Cas9 systems. Currently, targeted genome engineering is a key technology for basic science, biomedical and industrial applications due to the relative simplicity to which they can be designed, used and applied. However, it is not easy to find relevant information gathered in a single source. The book contains a wide range of applications of CRISPR in research of bacteria, virus, algae, plant and mammalian and also discusses the modeling of *Drosophila*, zebra fish and protozoan, among others. Other topics covered include diagnosis, sensor and therapeutic applications, as well as ethical and regulatory issues. This book is a valuable source not only for beginners in genome engineering, but also researchers, clinicians, stakeholders, policy makers, and practitioners interested in the potential of CRISPR-Cas9 in several fields. Provides basic understanding and a clear picture on how to design, use and implement the CRISPR-Cas9 system in different organisms Explains how to create an animal model for disease research and screening purposes using CRISPR Discusses the application of CRISPR-Cas9 systems in basic sciences, biomedicine, virology, bacteriology, molecular biology, neurology, cancer, industry, and many more

Over the last 20 years it has become increasingly apparent that the occurrence of many cancers can have an inherited basis. This book examines the principles underlying genetic predisposition to cancer and will be relevant to practising oncologists, geneticists and other

professionals interested in this rapidly expanding field. Coverage is comprehensive, taking the reader from an introduction to genetic predisposition, through a discussion of the molecular biology and statistical techniques involved in the identification and characterisation of predisposition genes, to a consideration of heritable cancer syndromes, and encompasses both rare and common cancers. The text also features a discussion of cancer risk assessment, genetic counselling issues, genetic screening and cancer management options, and a consideration of the associated ethical and psychological issues. Building on the reputation of the previous edition, and to reflect the rapid advances in the field since its publication, the contents of the second edition have been thoroughly updated and include discussion of many newly identified cancer genes. In particular, the book features new chapters added on the biological basis of cancer predisposition, population-based studies of susceptibility, and evaluation of management strategies for individuals at increased cancer risk.

Handbook of Epigenetics: The New Molecular and Medical Genetics, Second Edition, provides a comprehensive analysis of epigenetics, from basic biology, to clinical application. Epigenetics is considered by many to be the new genetics in that many biological phenomena are controlled, not through gene mutations, but rather through reversible and heritable epigenetic processes. These epigenetic processes range from DNA methylation to prions. The biological processes impacted by epigenetics are vast and encompass effects in lower organisms and humans that include tissue and organ regeneration, X-chromosome inactivation, stem cell differentiation, genomic imprinting, and aging. The first edition of this important work received excellent reviews; the second edition continues its comprehensive coverage adding more current research and new topics based on customer and reader reviews, including new discoveries, approved therapeutics, and clinical trials. From molecular mechanisms and epigenetic technology, to discoveries in human disease and clinical epigenetics, the nature and applications of the science is presented for those with interests ranging from the fundamental basis of epigenetics, to therapeutic interventions for epigenetic-based disorders. Timely and comprehensive collection of fully up-to-date reviews on epigenetics that are organized into one volume and written by leading figures in the field Covers the latest advances in many different areas of epigenetics, ranging from basic aspects, to technologies, to clinical medicine Written at a verbal and technical level that can be understood by scientists and college students Updated to include new epigenetic discoveries, newly approved therapeutics, and clinical trials

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