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This hands-on guide to RNA interference brings the power of targeted gene silencing to any laboratory with the basic equipment for handling nucleic acids. In easy-to-follow, step-by-step protocols you will learn\* how RNAi works in worms, flies and mammals,\* how to design the most efficient RNAi constructs,\* how to achieve transient, stable and conditional RNAi in cell cultures,\* how to determine the efficiency of an RNAi experiment,\* and how to use RNAi for gene therapy. All the protocols have been thoroughly tested in the author's own laboratory, and she provides exa

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