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Drawing together contributions from a diverse group of international experts in the field, this collection of papers examines the biology and pathology of elastin at the molecular level. Topics include the structure, ultrastructure and function of elastin; elastin regulation; elastin's role in aging, lung development and disease and atherosclerosis; as well as related aspects of pharmacology and nutrition.

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