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Contributors to this volume explore the role of carbohydrates in communication between cells of multicellular organisms. Topics covered include the thermodynamics and spatial restrictions of oligosaccharide-protein interactions, the role of carbohydrates in recognition and as components of cell adhesion molecules, and abnormal glycosylation in several disease states.

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