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Sommario/riassunto	<p>Glial Physiology and Pathophysiology provides a comprehensive, advanced text on the biology and pathology of glial cells.Coverage includes:the morphology and interrelationships between glial cells and neurones in different parts of the nervous systemthe cellular physiology of the different kinds of glial cellsthe mechanisms of intra- and inter-cellular signalling in glial networksthe mechanisms of glial-neuronal communicationthe role of glial cells in synaptic plasticity,</p>

