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A reference work that focuses on rapid viral evolution and such emerging viruses as mad cow disease and AIDS. It examines the interaction of viruses with hosts, advances in molecular biology and epidemiology which help to track viral infections, and ways of preventing future epidemics.

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