



Book Review

Biotechnology company compendium 2002/3 UK

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With the constantly changing world environment biotechnology companies have an important role in improving old products and developing new and innovative products. There are a vast number of companies and organisations that exist within the field of biotechnology and it is often useful to have these listed in a single book. *BioCommerce Data's Biootechnology Company Compendium* provides an updated listings of such organisations. Some are new entries and others have been removed for various reasons. In total, this edition lists 1177 organisations.

BioCommerce Data's Biootechnology Company Compendium is split up into three main parts: articles, profiles and indexes. The first part covers the articles concerned with biotechnology. This includes funding, clinical research, reviews, US market and more. The second part contains extensively revised lists of company profiles and is further subdivided into five sections. These are manufacturers and suppliers; service providers;

financial services; academic institutions and government agencies. Each of these entries contain numerous contact details followed by a brief company profile. It also includes the products and services, interest areas and key senior contacts. The final part contains separate indexes to facilitate the reader into searching for the required organisation using a particular index. There is an index to products and services, to location and a complete alphabetical list of organisations.

This edition of *BioCommerce Data's Biootechnology Company Compendium* is accessible on the website and can also be found in the BioCommerce abstracts and directory database. It is a well organised compendium with selective searching available to facilitate easy accessing of information.

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