

BOOK REVIEW

Bioreversible Carriers in Drug Design-Theory and Application

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The topic of this book is indeed an exciting one with much promise for the future of drug development. Of course, the pace of research in this area is so rapid that to some extent this book was out of date even on the day of publication. However, in general the various chapter authors appear to have done a reasonably good job in selecting relevant up-to-date references with papers published as recently as 1984 or 1985 being included in the bibliography given at the end of the chapters.

As might be expected with a multi-author book there are considerable differences in style and emphasis in the different chapters. Some readers may feel that important topics receive rather scant treatment. Thus chapter seven "Preferential Membrane Permeation and Recognition in Drug

Targeting" contains only brief reference to monoclonal antibodies. Incidentally the word "monoclonal" does not appear in the index which is quite inadequate. This is a major disadvantage to a book which many readers may well wish to use as a reference text.