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Editorial Review

Review

"Aims to give readers an overview of the subject and a basis for understanding the factors leading to the complexation between DNA and different co-solutes." (*TCE - The Chemical Engineer*, July 2008)

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A broad overview of the interaction of DNA with surfactants and polymers

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Topical coverage includes:

- Polyelectrolytes, physico-chemical aspects and biological significance
- Solution behavior of nucleic acids
- Single DNA molecules: compaction and decompaction
- Interaction of DNA with surfactants and cationic polymers
- Interactions of histones with DNA
- DNA-DNA interactions
- The hydration of DNA-amphiphile complexes
- DNA-surfactant/lipid complexes at liquid interfaces
- DNA and DNA-surfactant complexes at solid surfaces
- The role of correlation forces for DNA-cosolute interactions
- Simulations of polyions
- Cross-linked DNA gels and gel particles
- DNA as an amphiphilic polymer
- Lipid-DNA interactions

Covering both theoretical and practical aspects of the subject, *DNA Interactions with Polymers and Surfactants* is an ideal resource for chemists and biochemists working in gene and DNA delivery research in industry and academia, as well as for cell biologists, chemical engineers, molecular biologists, and development biologists in the pharmaceutical industry.

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