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In order to fulfil the ever-growing biotechnology products in the form of, e.g. bioactive compounds for various pharmaceutical applications, promising microorganism for production of value added products and turning wastes into wealth, scientists have to resort to newer and sophisticated technology so that they could accomplish their targets without taking too copious times. Towards this end, various research methods have come into being. There are a number of books and research papers guiding and facilitating biotechnology students at all levels. In view of the facts that some writings have become obsolete and some others are very difficult for students to understand, the teaching staff of the Department of Biotechnology Engineering of the Faculty of Engineering, International Islamic University Malaysia, Malaysia took initiative to write an edited book on experimental methods in biotechnology in two volumes covering fairly all sorts of experiments that can possibly be resorted to. The book entitled 'Experimental Methods in Modern Biotechnology,' Vol.1, which is already in the market, has proved to be very useful to students and scientists and technocrats working in biotechnology industries. But since the book does not cover all experimental methods volume 2 is proposed to cover the following remaining areas: Cell attachment and viability assay for anticancer properties; preparation of solid and liquid media for plant culture; initiation of plant cell suspension cultures from seeds; Application of various chromatographic techniques for extraction, isolation and purification of enzyme inhibitors for diabetic control as well as determination and quantification of ethanol and byproducts. It also covers various methods for the hyaluronidase inhibitory activity bioassay and bromelain enzyme Assay. Furthermore, it encompasses the aspects of isolation and characterization of thermophilic bacterial isolates producing L-asparaginase, bacterial preservation for short and long-term storage and estimation of fungal biomass in bioprocess engineering experiments and extraction of oil from waste source. The proposed 2nd volume of the book will complete almost all areas of experimental biotechnology. The complete book will certainly be useful to students pursuing degrees and research in biotechnology and to scientists and technocrats working in biotech industries locally and overseas.



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