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Preface
This monograph by JOHN HOTCHIN represents an up-to-date review concerning persistent and slow virus infections. Included is a comprehensive bibliography of approximately 1200 references. The viruses capable of persisting within the infected host for long periods of time, sometimes for the life of the host, are heterogeneous in many respects, but there are important points of similarity. Their importance in a wide range of human and animal diseases is increasingly becoming recognized. It is not too much to conjecture that they may play a role in still other chronic degenerative diseases whose etiology is as yet unknown. Most appropriately the current status and future prospects of this fascinating and significant field are discussed in this volume by one of its pioneers, whose investigations, particularly in lymphocytic choriomeningitis, have contributed much toward moving the field forward and opening up new areas for its study.

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