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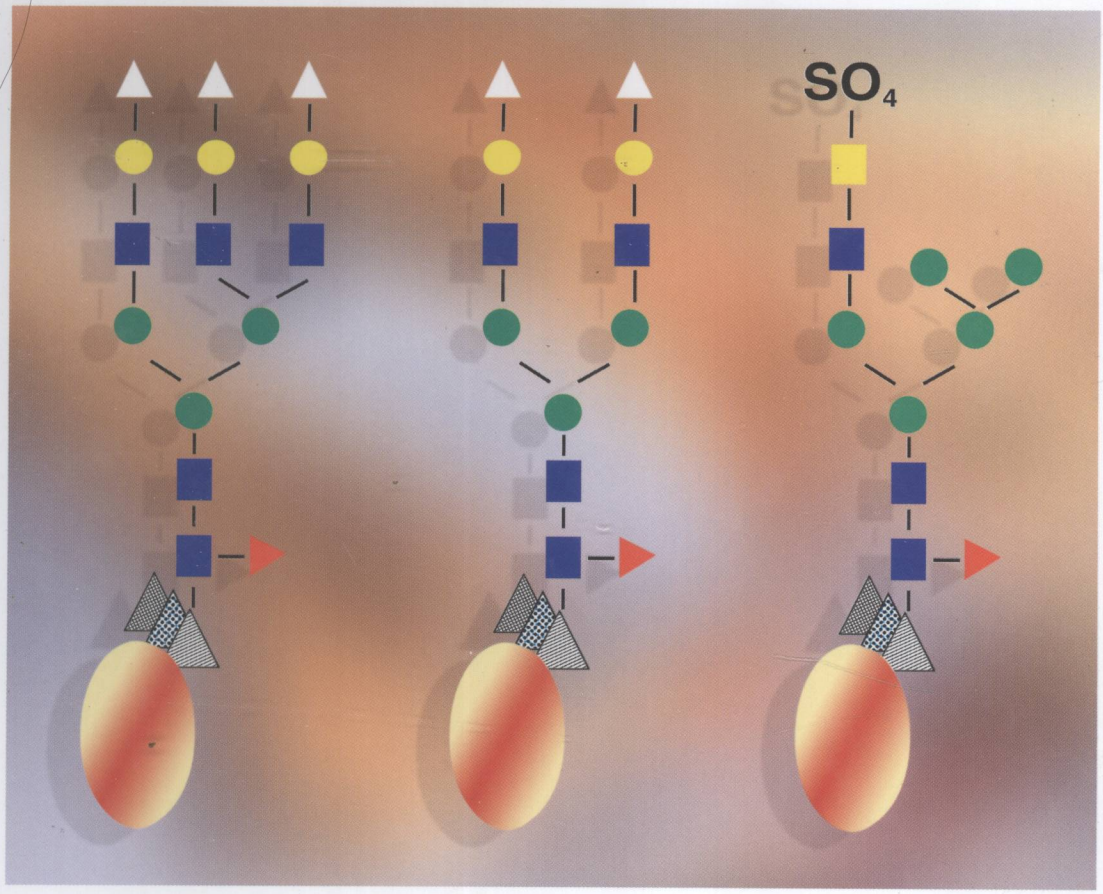

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Preface

The majority of approved therapeutic proteins, as well as those currently in development, naturally undergo some form of post-translational modification (PTM). An increasing appreciation of the central importance of such PTMs to the application-relevant properties of these proteins continues to emerge.

This book aims to provide a comprehensive overview of protein post-translational modifications specifically in the context of biopharmaceuticals. Chapter 1 introduces the topic, to provide an appropriate context for the remainder of the book. The subsequent 13 chapters focus upon various specific post-translational modifications. Several chapters are devoted to various aspects of glycosylation, as this PTM is by far the most complex and significant associated with therapeutic proteins. Individual chapter authors are drawn from both academia and industry, and from various global regions.

The book will serve as a reference source for those working or wishing to work in the biopharmaceutical sector. Its scope should also render it a useful reference text for third level students undertaking healthcare-related programs of study (e.g., undergraduate or taught postgraduate programs in pharmacy, pharmaceutical science and biotechnology, as well as in biochemistry). Likewise, it should serve as a useful reference for academic and industry researchers whose research interests relate to biopharmaceuticals.

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