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Although cytokines are a very diverse group of molecules, with a variety of effects, most share certain structural and functional features. They are all proteins that are mostly rather small (typically 15-30 kd). This book sets out to explain various aspects of cytokine biology- cytokine genes and proteins, how they work at the cellular level, biological roles of cytokines, cytokines in health and disease and, therapeutic uses of cytokines. Each chapter ends with a selection of references and the publication is appendixed with a Glossary. The topics covered in this publication are rather remote to the interests of most readers of *Biologia Plantarum*. Perhaps only those interested in the specific activity of various proteins may find some new interesting data.

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