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particularly those dealing with structure, function, biosynthesis, and control. It has been very extensively rewritten: the order of presentation of the chapters has been changed: some previous chapters have been combined and some new chapters have been included. One particularly valuable feature of earlier editions, was the very extensive reference list and this again we have endeavoured to retain but with the elimination of older material and its replacement by reference to more recent reviews and original papers.

Our late colleague Professor Davidson took the greatest of pains