#### The Cell Division Cycle

Temporal Organization and Control of Cellular Growth and Reproduction David Lloyd, Robert K. Poole and Steven W. Edwards January/February 1982, xii + 524pp., £38.60 (UK only) / \$79.50, 0.12.453760.X

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January 1982, xii + 198pp., £14.60 (UK only) / \$30.00, 0.12.752020.1

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