# Landmarks in Intracellular Signalling

The intracellular signalling pathways that control cell function have been, and still are, one of the most intensively studied aspects of biology. In recent years the detailed characterization of the multiple cell-signalling pathways by many laboratories has resulted in a bewildering increase in knowledge in this field. For this reason, students and others learning about this topic for the first time are increasingly overwhelmed by the mass of information and frequently are unable to find time to read and digest the key original papers.

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