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Preface

The ability to monitor the presence of analytes within physiological, environmental and industrial systems is of crucial importance. However, owing to the scale that recognition events occur at on the molecular level, gathering this information poses a non-trivial challenge. It is therefore the case that robust chemical molecular sensors with the capacity to detect chosen molecules selectively and signal this presence have attracted considerable attention over recent years.

Of particular interest is the real-time monitoring of saccharides in aqueous systems, such as D-glucose in blood. To this end, the covalent pair-wise interaction between boronic acids and saccharides has been exploited.

This book documents research into the design of novel boronic acid-based receptors with selectivity for saccharides.

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