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Embryogenesis Ken-Ichi Sato, 2012-04-20 The book *Embryogenesis* is a compilation of cutting edge views of current trends in modern developmental biology focusing on gametogenesis fertilization early and or late embryogenesis in animals plants and some other small organisms Each of 27 chapters contributed from the authorships of world wide 20 countries provides an introduction as well as an in depth review to classical as well as contemporary problems that challenge to understand how living organisms are born grow and reproduce at the levels from molecule and cell to individual

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