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Felix Hoppe-Seyler (1825–1895) was a pioneer of biochemistry, remembered not only for his discovery of hemoglobin and his contributions to the chemical characterization of many other biological compounds and processes but also for having been the mentor of Friedrich Miescher and Albrecht Kossel. In his preface to the first issue of ***Zeitschrift für Physiologische Chemie,*** Felix Hoppe-Seyler coined the term ***Biochemistry*** ('Biochemie') for the then newly emerging discipline.

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