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1	Genome evolution in the allotetraploid frog <i>Xenopus laevis</i> . <i>Nature</i> , 2016, 538, 336-343.	13.7	849
2	Origin and evolution of the adaptive immune system: genetic events and selective pressures. <i>Nature Reviews Genetics</i> , 2010, 11, 47-59.	7.7	753
3	Elephant shark genome provides unique insights into gnathostome evolution. <i>Nature</i> , 2014, 505, 174-179.	13.7	689
4	A new antigen receptor gene family that undergoes rearrangement and extensive somatic diversification in sharks. <i>Nature</i> , 1995, 374, 168-173.	13.7	653
5	Comparative Genomics of the MHC. <i>Immunity</i> , 2001, 15, 351-362.	6.6	335
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9	Evolution of innate and adaptive immunity: can we draw a line?. <i>Trends in Immunology</i> , 2004, 25, 640-644.	2.9	230
10	The Translesion DNA Polymerase η Plays a Major Role in Ig and bcl-6 Somatic Hypermutation. <i>Immunity</i> , 2001, 14, 643-653.	6.6	199
11	IgD, like IgM, is a primordial immunoglobulin class perpetuated in most jawed vertebrates. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2006, 103, 10723-10728.	3.3	193
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13	Evolutionary conservation of MHC class I and class II molecules—different yet the same. <i>Seminars in Immunology</i> , 1994, 6, 411-424.	2.7	161
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17	Which came first, MHC class I or class II?. <i>Immunogenetics</i> , 1991, 33, 295-300.	1.2	139
18	Ancestral Organization of the MHC Revealed in the Amphibian <i>Xenopus</i> . <i>Journal of Immunology</i> , 2006, 176, 3674-3685.	0.4	128

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19	Maturation of Shark Single-domain (IgNAR) Antibodies: Evidence for Induced-fit Binding. <i>Journal of Molecular Biology</i> , 2007, 367, 358-372.	2.0	127
20	Mutational pattern of the nurse shark antigen receptor gene (NAR) is similar to that of mammalian Ig genes and to spontaneous mutations in evolution: the translesion synthesis model of somatic hypermutation. <i>International Immunology</i> , 1999, 11, 825-833.	1.8	117
21	Changes in the immune system during metamorphosis of <i>Xenopus</i> . <i>Trends in Immunology</i> , 1987, 8, 58-64.	7.5	116
22	A novel "chimeric" antibody class in cartilaginous fish: IgM may not be the primordial immunoglobulin. <i>European Journal of Immunology</i> , 1996, 26, 1123-1129.	1.6	113
23	The Development of Primary and Secondary Lymphoid Tissues in the Nurse Shark <i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i> : B-Cell Zones Precede Dendritic Cell Immigration and T-Cell Zone Formation During Ontogeny of the Spleen. <i>Scandinavian Journal of Immunology</i> , 2002, 56, 130-148.	1.3	110
24	Four primordial immunoglobulin light chain isotypes, including λ_1 and λ_2 , identified in the most primitive living jawed vertebrates. <i>European Journal of Immunology</i> , 2007, 37, 2683-2694.	1.6	106
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38	Proteasome, Transporter Associated with Antigen Processing, and Class I Genes in the Nurse Shark <i>Ginglymostoma cirratum</i> : Evidence for a Stable Class I Region and MHC Haplotype Lineages. <i>Journal of Immunology</i> , 2002, 168, 771-781.	0.4	71
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44	The evolutionary origin of the major histocompatibility complex: Polymorphism of class II β chain genes in the cartilaginous fish. <i>European Journal of Immunology</i> , 1993, 23, 2160-2165.	1.6	65
45	Localization and Differential Expression of Activation-Induced Cytidine Deaminase in the Amphibian <i>Xenopus</i> upon Antigen Stimulation and during Early Development. <i>Journal of Immunology</i> , 2007, 179, 6783-6789.	0.4	65
46	Isolation and characterisation of Ebolavirus-specific recombinant antibody fragments from murine and shark immune libraries. <i>Molecular Immunology</i> , 2011, 48, 2027-2037.	1.0	63
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97	An Ancient, MHC-Linked, Nonclassical Class I Lineage in Cartilaginous Fish. <i>Journal of Immunology</i> , 2020, 204, 892-902.	0.4	12
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110	Biased Immunoglobulin Light Chain Gene Usage in the Shark. <i>Journal of Immunology</i> , 2015, 195, 3992-4000.	0.4	5
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112	Analysis of shark NCR3 family genes reveals primordial features of vertebrate NKp30. <i>Immunogenetics</i> , 2021, 73, 333-348.	1.2	5
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