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## List of Publications by Year in descending order

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1	Target Flexibility: An Emerging Consideration in Drug Discovery and Design. <i>Journal of Medicinal Chemistry</i> , 2008, 51, 6237-6255.	2.9	280
2	Ten Years with New Delhi Metallo- $\beta$ -lactamase-1 (NDM-1): From Structural Insights to Inhibitor Design. <i>ACS Infectious Diseases</i> , 2019, 5, 9-34.	1.8	123
3	Simple, Intuitive Calculations of Free Energy of Binding for Protein-Ligand Complexes. 3. The Free Energy Contribution of Structural Water Molecules in HIV-1 Protease Complexes. <i>Journal of Medicinal Chemistry</i> , 2004, 47, 4507-4516.	2.9	112
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15	Ligand migration through the internal hydrophobic cavities in human neuroglobin. <i>Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America</i> , 2009, 106, 18984-18989.	3.3	47
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18	Isozyme-Specific Ligands for O-acetylserine sulfhydrylase, a Novel Antibiotic Target. <i>PLoS ONE</i> , 2013, 8, e77558.	1.1	43

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21	A novel small-molecule inhibitor of the human papillomavirus E6-p53 interaction that reactivates p53 function and blocks cancer cells growth. <i>Cancer Letters</i> , 2020, 470, 115-125.	3.2	39
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33	Ligand Migration in Nonsymbiotic Hemoglobin AHb1 from <i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> . <i>Journal of Physical Chemistry B</i> , 2007, 111, 12582-12590.	1.2	27
34	Decoding the Structural Basis For Carbapenem Hydrolysis By Class A $\beta$ -lactamases: Fishing For A Pharmacophore. <i>Current Drug Targets</i> , 2016, 17, 983-1005.	1.0	27
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