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List of Publications by Year
in descending order

123 papers	5,329 citations	94415 37 h-index	98792 67 g-index
128 all docs	128 docs citations	128 times ranked	5996 citing authors

#	Article	IF	Citations
1	Critical review on biofilm methods. Critical Reviews in Microbiology, 2017, 43, 313-351.	6.1	693
2	Quantitative analysis of adhesion and biofilm formation on hydrophilic and hydrophobic surfaces of clinical isolates of Staphylococcus epidermidis. Research in Microbiology, 2005, 156, 506-514.	2.1	280
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5	Influence of Biofilm Formation by<i>Gardnerella vaginalis</i>and Other Anaerobes on Bacterial Vaginosis. Journal of Infectious Diseases, 2015, 212, 1856-1861.	4.0	184
6	Comparative Antibody-Mediated Phagocytosis of Staphylococcus epidermidis Cells Grown in a Biofilm or in the Planktonic State. Infection and Immunity, 2006, 74, 4849-4855.	2.2	165
7	An Updated Conceptual Model on the Pathogenesis of Bacterial Vaginosis. Journal of Infectious Diseases, 2019, 220, 1399-1405.	4.0	154
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16	Gardnerella vaginalis Outcompetes 29 Other Bacterial Species Isolated From Patients With Bacterial Vaginosis, Using in an In Vitro Biofilm Formation Model. Journal of Infectious Diseases, 2014, 210, 593-596.	4.0	95
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19	Effects of Growth in the Presence of Subinhibitory Concentrations of Dicloxacillin on Staphylococcus epidermidis and Staphylococcus haemolyticus Biofilms. Applied and Environmental Microbiology, 2005, 71, 8677-8682.	3.1	67
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22	Effect of growth conditions on poly-N-acetylglucosamine expression and biofilm formation in Escherichia coli. FEMS Microbiology Letters, 2008, 283, 36-41.	1.8	63
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