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#	ARTICLE	IF	CITATIONS
1	Molecular and cellular mechanisms of general anaesthesia. <i>Nature</i> , 1994, 367, 607-614.	27.8	1,738
2	Crystal structure of human serum albumin complexed with fatty acid reveals an asymmetric distribution of binding sites. <i>Nature Structural Biology</i> , 1998, 5, 827-835.	9.7	1,201
3	General anaesthesia: from molecular targets to neuronal pathways of sleep and arousal. <i>Nature Reviews Neuroscience</i> , 2008, 9, 370-386.	10.2	1,065
4	The α_2 -Adrenoceptor Agonist Dexmedetomidine Converges on an Endogenous Sleep-promoting Pathway to Exert Its Sedative Effects. <i>Anesthesiology</i> , 2003, 98, 428-436.	2.5	738
5	Crystal structure of firefly luciferase throws light on a superfamily of adenylate-forming enzymes. <i>Structure</i> , 1996, 4, 287-298.	3.3	594
6	Do general anaesthetics act by competitive binding to specific receptors?. <i>Nature</i> , 1984, 310, 599-601.	27.8	545
7	The sedative component of anesthesia is mediated by GABAA receptors in an endogenous sleep pathway. <i>Nature Neuroscience</i> , 2002, 5, 979-984.	14.8	535
8	Binding of the General Anesthetics Propofol and Halothane to Human Serum Albumin. <i>Journal of Biological Chemistry</i> , 2000, 275, 38731-38738.	3.4	468
9	How does xenon produce anaesthesia?. <i>Nature</i> , 1998, 396, 324-324.	27.8	455
10	Molecular mechanisms of general anaesthesia. <i>Nature</i> , 1982, 300, 487-493.	27.8	431
11	Fatty acid binding to human serum albumin: new insights from crystallographic studies. <i>Biochimica Et Biophysica Acta - Molecular and Cell Biology of Lipids</i> , 1999, 1441, 131-140.	2.4	429
12	Structural analysis of hydrated egg lecithin and cholesterol bilayers II. Neutron diffraction. <i>Journal of Molecular Biology</i> , 1976, 100, 359-378.	4.2	398
13	Structural analysis of hydrated egg lecithin and cholesterol bilayers I. X-ray diffraction. <i>Journal of Molecular Biology</i> , 1976, 100, 345-358.	4.2	346
14	Molecular targets underlying general anaesthesia. <i>British Journal of Pharmacology</i> , 2006, 147, S72-S81.	5.4	314
15	Two-Pore-Domain K ⁺ Channels Are a Novel Target for the Anesthetic Gases Xenon, Nitrous Oxide, and Cyclopropane. <i>Molecular Pharmacology</i> , 2004, 65, 443-452.	2.3	294
16	Stereospecific effects of inhalational general anesthetic optical isomers on nerve ion channels. <i>Science</i> , 1991, 254, 427-430.	12.6	276
17	The structure of lipid bilayers and the effects of general anaesthetics. <i>Journal of Molecular Biology</i> , 1979, 133, 469-500.	4.2	259
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20	Where do general anaesthetics act?. Nature, 1978, 274, 339-342.	27.8	256
21	Xenon and hypothermia combine to provide neuroprotection from neonatal asphyxia. Annals of Neurology, 2005, 58, 182-193.	5.3	243
22	Mapping of general anaesthetic target sites provides a molecular basis for cutoff effects. Nature, 1985, 316, 349-351.	27.8	237
23	Competitive Inhibition at the Glycine Site of the α_1 -Methyl-d-aspartate Receptor by the Anesthetics Xenon and Isoflurane. Anesthesiology, 2007, 107, 756-767.	2.5	222
24	Effects of Xenon on In Vitro and In Vivo Models of Neuronal Injury. Anesthesiology, 2002, 96, 1485-1491.	2.5	220
25	The Neuroprotective Effect of Xenon Administration during Transient Middle Cerebral Artery Occlusion in Mice. Anesthesiology, 2003, 99, 876-881.	2.5	210
26	Neuronal ensembles sufficient for recovery sleep and the sedative actions of α_2 adrenergic agonists. Nature Neuroscience, 2015, 18, 553-561.	14.8	210
27	Role of endogenous sleep-wake and analgesic systems in anesthesia. Journal of Comparative Neurology, 2008, 508, 648-662.	1.6	207
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42	Effects of inhalational general anaesthetics on native glycine receptors in rat medullary neurones and recombinant glycine receptors in <i>Xenopus</i> oocytes. British Journal of Pharmacology, 1996, 118, 493-502.	5.4	121
43	The effects of general anaesthetics on carbachol-evoked gamma oscillations in the rat hippocampus in vitro. Neuropharmacology, 2003, 44, 864-872.	4.1	120
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104	Selective Synaptic Actions of Thiopental and Its Enantiomers. <i>Anesthesiology</i> , 2002, 96, 884-892.	2.5	20
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124	A Miniature Neural Recording Device to Investigate Sleep and Temperature Regulation in Mice. , 2019, , .		0
125	The Mechanistic Relationship between NREM Sleep and Anesthesia. , 2006, , 43-52.		0