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Secretory IgA is Concentrated in the Outer Layer of Colonic Mucus along with Gut Bacteria
Pathogens 2014, 3(2), 390-403; doi:10.3390/pathogens3020390
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Second Prize

Anthony F. Barbet, Basima Al-Khedery, Snorre Stuen, Erik G. Granquist, Roderick F. Felsheim and Ulrike G. Munderloh
An Emerging Tick-Borne Disease of Humans Is Caused by a Subset of Strains with Conserved Genome Structure
Pathogens 2013, 2(3), 544-555; doi:10.3390/pathogens2030544
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Third Prize

Philippe Gérard
Metabolism of Cholesterol and Bile Acids by the Gut Microbiota
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