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Publications

Purification of micrococcal nuclease for use in ribosomal profiling of high-salinity extremophiles

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ProteRNA: Enhanced Production of Heterologous Proteins Following Translational Fine-Tuning by Optimized Post-Transcriptional RNA Modification

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CHEMODI: Modulation of post-transcriptional transfer RNA modification as an enhancer of chemotherapeutic agents

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PROMOTE: Post-transcriptional RNA modifications as modulators of translation and infection.

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TUPA: Solutions for increased societal safety and individual health during pandemics

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The role of translational misregulation in tumorigenesis

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Transfer RNA modifications as modulators of translation.

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Translational adaptation to directed evolution by post-transcriptional RNA modifications

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Translation and neoplasia – the multifaceted role of post-transcriptional transfer RNA modification

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