Foreword

Two years after the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak upended life as the world knew it, the routine around the globe is now slowly starting to return to what it was like pre-pandemic. In 2022, scientists started returning to their benches in full capacity as well as attending conferences in-person again. These social connections facilitate invaluable discussions, networking opportunities, and beneficial collaborations, which, here at *Cell Reports*, have led to another year of publishing strong, exciting science. We saw many fascinating works, ranging from a genetic study that shows that Doppelgangers possess similar genotypes to a microbiome study that reveals that giant pandas' gut bacteria compensate for seasonal shifts in nutrients. Here, we present a collection of papers from 2022 that highlight these, and other, seminal works.

We call this collection the *Best of Cell Reports*, but it really represents some of our favorite papers from among more than 1500 reports, articles, resources, and reviews that were published in *Cell Reports* from late 2021 through late 2022. We considered Plum Metrics, reader downloads, and citations when making our selections, but our collection is only a small sample of our authors' work. We encourage you to browse our Open Access archives to see how far biology has advanced over the course of the year.

Thank you to our authors, reviewers, editorial board members, Cell Press colleagues, and scientific advisors for building this journal alongside us. We hope you enjoy this 2022 *Best of Cell Reports* edition, and we look forward to more thought-provoking, strong science that will continue to emerge from the face-to-face interactions that are happening now.

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Look-alike humans identified by facial recognition algorithms show genetic similarities

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Cryo-EM structure of the SARS-CoV-2 Omicron spike

Gabriele Cerutti, Yicheng Guo, Lihong Liu, Liyuan Liu, Zhening Zhang, Yang Luo, Yiming Huang, Harris H. Wang, David D. Ho, Zizhang Sheng, and Lawrence Shapiro

Articles and Resources

Seasonal shift of the gut microbiome synchronizes host peripheral circadian rhythm for physiological adaptation to a low-fat diet in the giant panda

Suppression of MYC transcription activators by the immune cofactor NPR1 fine-tunes plant immune responses

Mapping the evolution of T cell states during response and resistance to adoptive cellular therapy Guangping Huang, Le Wang, Jian Li, Rong Hou, Meng Wang, Zhilin Wang, Qingyue Qu, Wenliang Zhou, Yonggang Nie, Yibo Hu, Yingjie Ma, Li Yan, Hong Wei, and Fuwen Wei

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TNF leads to mtDNA release and cGAS/STING-dependent interferon responses that support inflammatory arthritis

Joschka Willemsen, Marie-Therese Neuhoff, Thomas Hoyler, Emma Noir, Clemence Tessier, Sophie Sarret, Tara N. Thorsen, Amanda Littlewood-Evans, Juan Zhang, Maroof Hasan, James S. Rush, Danilo Guerini, and Richard M. Siegel



Prenatal environmental stressors impair postnatal microglia function and adult behavior in males	Carina L. Block, Oznur Eroglu, Stephen D. Mague, Caroline J. Smith, Alexis M. Ceasrine, Chaichontat Sriworarat, Cameron Blount, Kathleen A. Beben, Karen E. Malacon, Nkemdilim Ndubuizu, Austin Talbot, Neil M. Gallagher, Young Chan Jo, Timothy Nyangacha, David E. Carlson, Kafui Dzirasa, Cagla Eroglu, and Staci D. Bilbo
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The gut microbiota of environmentally enriched mice regulates visual cortical plasticity

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