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One Review:

HMGA2 as a Critical Regulator in Cancer Development By Behzad Mansoori, Ali Mohammadi, Henrik J. Ditzel, Pascal H. G. Duijf, Vahid Khaze, Morten F. Gjerstorff and Behzad Baradaran *Genes* **2021**, *12*(2), 269; doi:10.3390/genes12020269

Two Articles:

Epigenetic Evolution of ACE2 and IL-6 Genes: Non-Canonical Interferon-Stimulated Genes Correlate to COVID-19 Susceptibility in Vertebrates By Eric R. Sang, Yun Tian, Laura C. Miller and Yongming Sang *Genes* **2021**, *12*(2), 154; doi:10.3390/genes12020154

Allelic Diversity at Abiotic Stress Responsive Genes in Relationship to Ecological Drought Indices for Cultivated Tepary Bean, *Phaseolus acutifolius* A. Gray, and Its Wild Relatives

By María A. Buitrago-Bitar, Andrés J. Cortés, Felipe López-Hernández, Jorge M. Londoño-Caicedo, Jaime E. Muñoz-Florez, L. Carmenza Muñoz and Matthew Wohlgemuth Blair

Genes **2021**, *12*(4), 556; doi:10.3390/genes12040556

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