

Dharmacon publications

Our scientists take pride in the fact that their contributions to the scientific community go beyond research and development of experimental reagents. Below is a list of peer-reviewed publications from research performed at Horizon Discovery (formerly Dharmacon) and external collaborations.

CRISPR-Cas9 genome engineering

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