



A Receptor-ligand Pair of Natural Killer Cells : Towards protein expression of the NKC-encoded, C-type lectin-like receptor-ligand pair NKp80 and AICL

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