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Highly Cited Articles. 28.
Articles from Australian and
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Here is a list of the fifty-one most frequently cited Australian and New Zealand articles. We included fifty-one because the last two were cited the same number of times. This study follows up on our recent report on Australian and New Zealand journals. 1

The list we've published here differs from other lists of the type. Only ten journals are involved. Two of them published half the articles! The ten journals are listed in Figure 1 with the number of the highly cited articles each published. We also give the impact of the journals, and other relevant data. These are the Australian journals with highest impact. Journals that produce most cited articles tend to have higher impact.

Nine of the articles on this list came from the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research in Melbourne. All except three of the articles were written by scientists working in Australia and New Zealand. The three exceptions were botanists at English universities.

Of the 51 articles, two were published in the 1940s, ten in the 50s, 36 in the 60s, and three in 1970. The two oldest articles on the list are landmarks. The first is the 1947 paper of Burnet and Stone (number 46) on the receptor-destroying enzyme of the cholera vibrio. Two other articles (numbers 3 and 46) with Burnet as author or coauthor recall the contributions to immunology for which he is known. The second of the older papers (number 6) is by J.F.J. Cade. Its impressive citation count records the widespread interest during the past decade in the usefulness of lithium in treatment of certain mental disorders.

Among the articles published in the 60s, many concern immune phenomena. Notable among these articles are four (numbers 4, 15, 41 and 45) from a series of five articles published in consecutive pages of volume 42 of the Australian Journal of Experimental Biology and Medicine. One of the five (Nossal G J V et al. Aust. J. Exp. Biol.

A	В	C	D	E	F
13	Austral. J. Chem.	3453	658	654	1.006
13	Austral. J. Exp. Biol. Med.	1451	209	153	1.366
8	Austral. J. Phys.	1117	166	157	1.057
7	Austral. J. Biol. Sci.	1974	379	281	1.549
2	Austral. Ann. Med. (A/NZ J. Med.)	220	155	142	1.092
2	Austral. J. Agr. Res.	1171	148	196	0.755
2	Med. J. Australia	2895	805	1110	0.725
2	Proc. Univ. Otago Med. Sch.	85	20	65	0.388
1	Austral. J. Sci. (Search)	92	57	147	0.308
1	Austral. Vet. J.	887	185	245	0.755

Figure 1. Sources of the most frequently cited articles published in Australian and New Zealand journals. A = number of articles among the list in Figure 2.

B = journal title (parenthesized titles are present titles of the journals). C = total 1974 citations. D = total 1974 citations of 1972 and 1973 articles only. E = number of articles published by the journal in 1972 and 1973. F = impact (average number of 1974 citations of articles published by the journal in 1975 and 1974).

Med. 42:283-94, 1966) was cited only 33 times and didn't make this list of the top 51. Taken as a whole, however, the five parts of the series "Antigens in Immunity" have been cited 415 times. Had they been published as one article, that number of citations would have put the paper at the top of the list in Figure 2.

The youngest articles are the three published in 1970 (items 9, 36, and 44): one on nonthermal galactic radio sources; one on production of poly-unsaturated milk fat in domestic ruminants, and the last on a new approach of glomerulo-vascular renal disease. On the

basis of 1976 citations, the first of these 1970 articles seems to have passed its citation peak. The other two will be cited an estimated 15-20 times in 1976, and so have not reached their citation peak.

As the list of source journals in Figure 1 indicates, the articles are predominantly biomedical (26), with chemistry claiming about a fourth (13), physics about a sixth (8), and agriculture and related sciences about a twelfth (4).

The articles are listed in Figure 2, in decreasing numerical order of their total citations during the period 1961-1975.

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Figure 2. Highly cited articles published in Australian and New Zealand journals. The fifty-one articles listed below were cited more than 35 times during the period 1961-1975. Articles are listed in descending numerical order of times cited. A = item number. B = times cited 1961-1975.

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