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ABSTRACT

Background. Interleukin-35 (IL-35) is a recently discovered cytokine that plays a role in immune suppression and has therefore been the subject of a great deal of research. A bibliometric analysis of the global research concerning IL-35, however, is rare.

Objectives. The aim of this research was to assess the international scientific output of IL-35 research and explore its hotspots and frontiers from 2009 to 2018 by bibliometric analysis.

Methods. Publications about IL-35 research from 2009 to 2018 were retrieved from the Web of Science Core Collection (WoSCC). Citespace V was used to analyze years, journals, countries, research institutions, areas of exploration, research hotspots, and trends of publication.

Results. We retrieved a total of 416 publications and observed a trend of publications increasing over the past decade. Original articles (351) were the most frequently occurring document type. The largest number of publications belonging to one country and one institution, respectively, was China (202) and Tianjin Medical University (17). Trending keywords may indicate frontier topics, including “infectious tolerance,” “autoimmune,” and “central nervous system.”

Conclusion. This study provides valuable information on the study of IL-35 so that researchers may identify new research fields.

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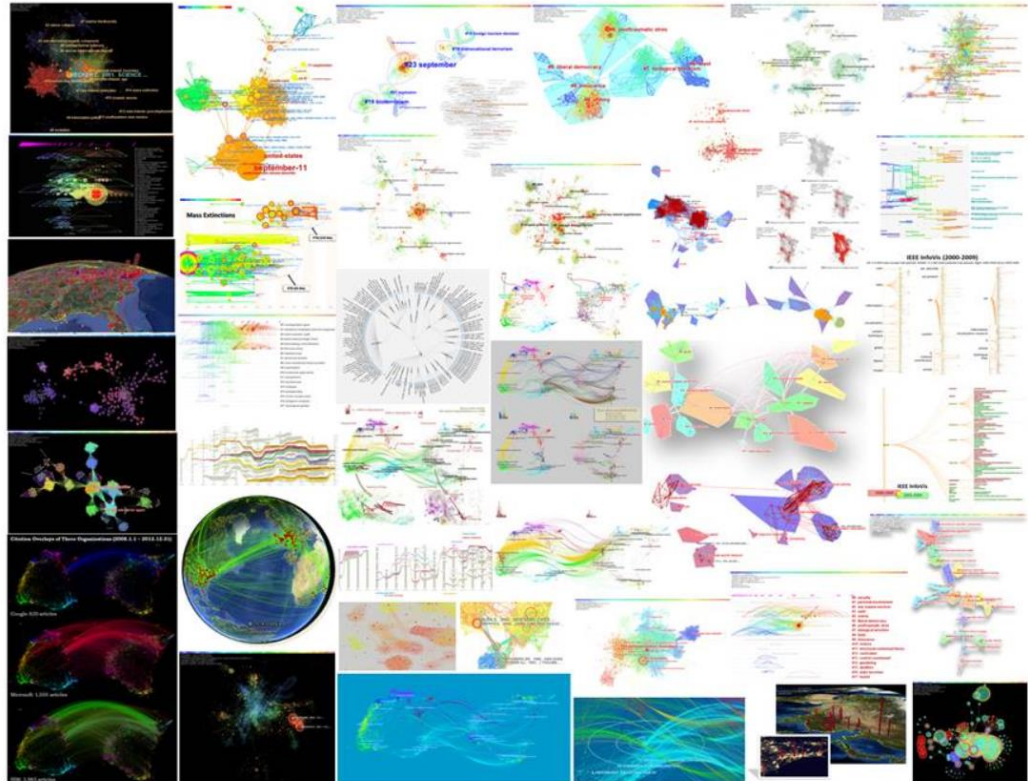
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The concept of an intellectual base is useful to further clarify the nature of a research front (Persson, 1994). If we define a research front as the state of the art of a specialty (i.e., a line of research), what is cited by the research front forms its intellectual base. A specialty can be conceptualized as a time-variant mapping $\Phi(t)$ from its research front $\Psi(t)$ to its intellectual base $\Omega(t)$.

$$\Phi(t) : \Psi(t) \rightarrow \Omega(t)$$

The goal of our research is to develop a generic approach that can be used to detect and visualize emerging trends and abrupt changes in $\Phi(t)$ over time. In particular, $\Psi(t)$ is a group of words and phrases (i.e., *terms*) associated with emerging trends and sudden changes at time t . These terms are called *research-front terms*. $\Omega(t)$ consists of groups of articles cited by articles in which research-front terms were found.

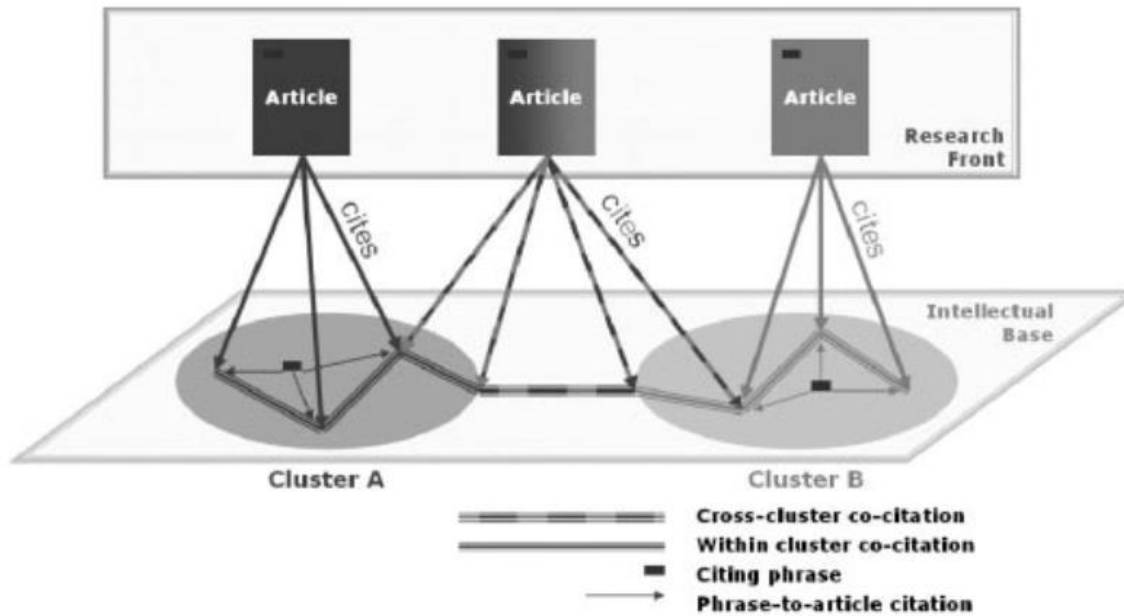


FIG. 1. The conceptual model of CiteSpace II. Time-sliced snapshots are devised to highlight changes of prominent specialties over time.

- IL35 is a member of the IL12 family
 - IL12 family: IL12/23/27
- Increased interest in IL35
- Few attempts, however, have been made to systematically analyse the knowledge, intellectual turning points and key points in this field.

Results structured as follows:

1. General information
2. Journal Analysis
3. Country and institution analysis
4. Research area analysis
5. Co-citation analysis
6. Keyword analysis

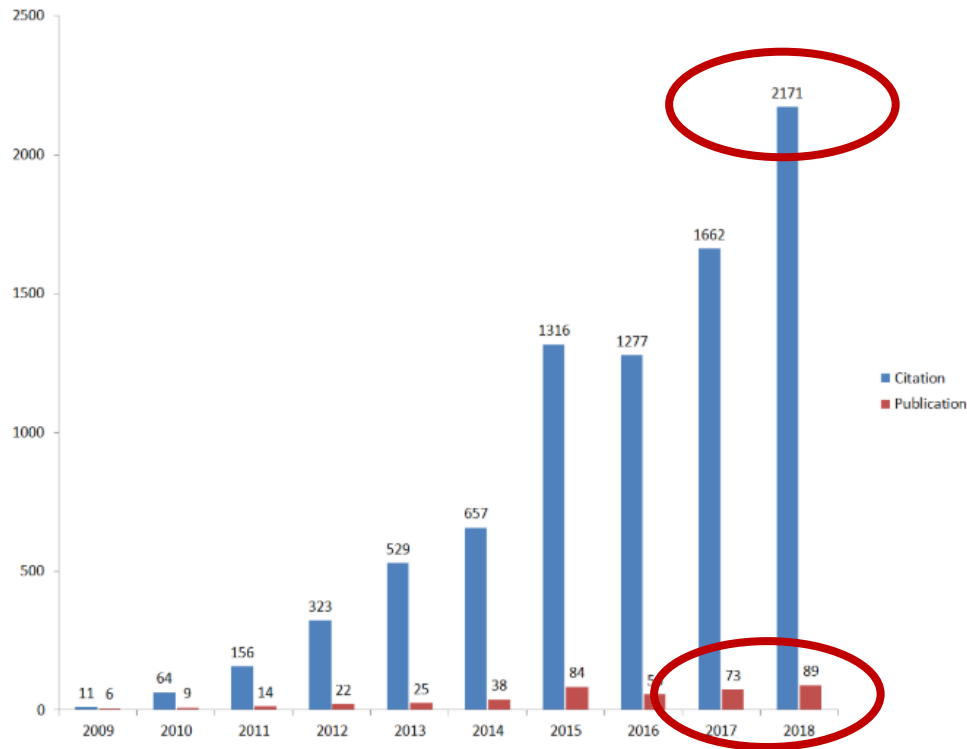


Figure 1 The number of publications and citations from 2009 to 2018. (A) The number of research papers published on il-35 was increasing from 2009 to 2018. (B) The frequency of citation of research papers on il-35 had increased significantly in the past decade.

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Table 1 Top 10 most cited articles on IL-35.

Rank	First Author	Year	Title	Journal	Impact Factor (2017)	Cited
1	Lauren W. Collison	2010	IL-35-mediated induction of a potent regulatory T cell population	Nature Immunology	21.8	408
2	Ping Shen	2014	IL-35-producing B cells are critical regulators of immunity during autoimmune and infectious diseases	Nature	41.6	378
3	Ren-Xi Wang	2014	Interleukin-35 induces regulatory B cells that suppress autoimmune disease	Nature Medicine	32.6	254
4	Lauren W. Collison	2012	The composition and signaling of the IL-35 receptor are unconventional	Nature Immunology	21.8	181
5	Lauren W. Collison	2009	Regulatory T Cell Suppression Is Potentiated by Target T Cells in a Cell Contact, IL-35-and IL-10-Dependent Manner	The Journal of Immunology	4.54	150
6	Veronika Bachanova	2014	Clearance of acute myeloid leukemia by haploidentical natural killer cells is improved using IL-2 diphtheria toxin fusion protein	Blood	15.1	149
7	Irina Kochetkova	2010	IL-35 Stimulation of CD39(+) Regulatory T Cells Confers Protection against Collagen II-Induced Arthritis via the Production of IL-10	The Journal of Immunology	4.54	133
8	Xinyuan Li	2012	IL-35 Is a Novel Responsive Anti-inflammatory Cytokine - A New System of Categorizing Anti-inflammatory Cytokines	PLoS One	2.77	110
9	Gregory S. Whitehead	2012	IL-35 production by inducible costimulator (ICOS)-positive regulatory T cells reverses established IL-17-dependent allergic airways disease	Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology	13.3	110
10	Stefan Wirtz	2011	Interleukin-35 Mediates Mucosal Immune Responses That Protect Against T-Cell-Dependent Colitis	Gastroenterology	20.8	106

Table 2 The top 5 most productive and cited journals.

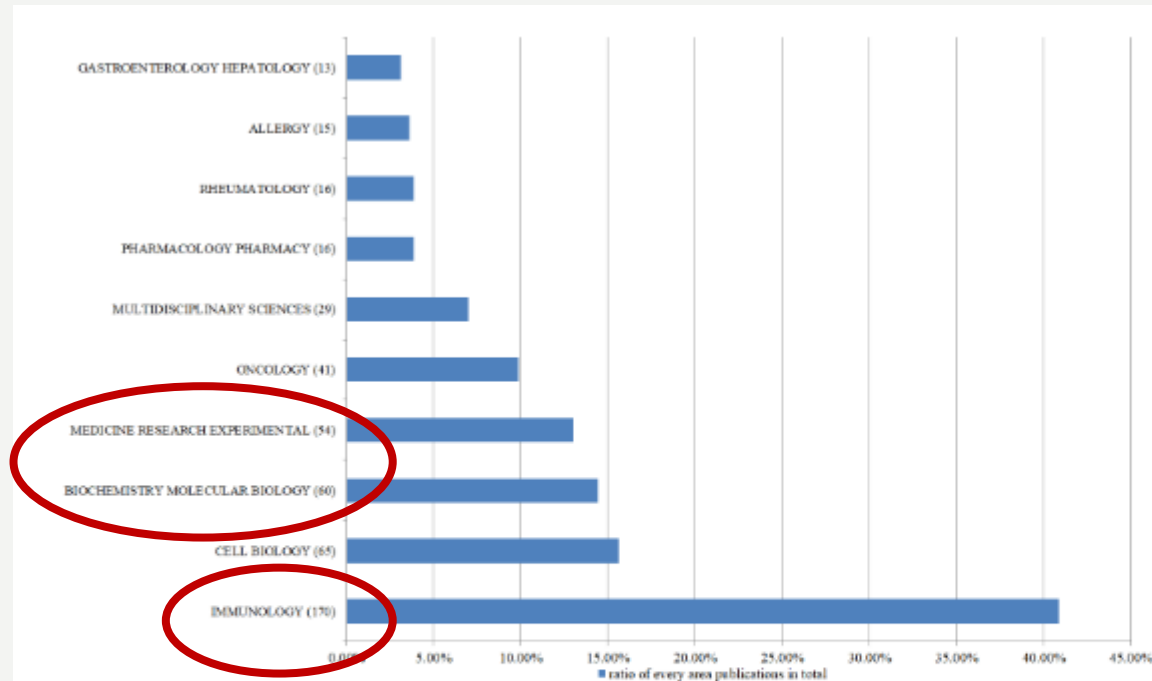
Rank	Productive journals	The number of published papers	Rank	Cited journal	Cited frequency
1	Cytokine	19	1	Frontiers in Immunology	223
2	PLoS One	16	2	PLoS One	167
3	The Journal of Immunology	14	3	The Journal of Immunology	136
4	Frontiers in Immunology	10	4	Scientific Reports	82
5	Journal of Interferon and Cytokine Research	8	5	Cytokine	75

Table 3 Top 10 prolific countries publishing paper on IL-35.

Rank	Country	Frequency
1	China	202
2	USA	91
3	Germany	26
4	Iran	18
5	Japan	16
6	Italy	11
7	Turkey	10
8	Canada	9
9	England	8
10	France	8

Table 4 Top 10 prolific institutions publishing paper on IL-35.

Rank	Institution	Frequency
1	TIANJIN MEDICAL UNIVERSITY	17
2	ST JUDE CHILDREN S RESEARCH HOSPITAL	15
3	NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH NIH USA PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION	14
4	PCSHE	14
5	SHANDONG UNIVERSITY	13
6	ANHUI MEDICAL UNIVERSITY	9
7	CHINA MEDICAL UNIVERSITY	9
8	HUAZHONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY	9
9	JILIN UNIVERSITY	9
10	NIH NATIONAL EYE INSTITUTE NEI	9



How is a
research area
defined?

Figure 2 The top 10 most frequently appearing research areas in IL-35 studies from 2009 to 2018. In recent 10 years, the research on IL-35 mainly involves immunology.

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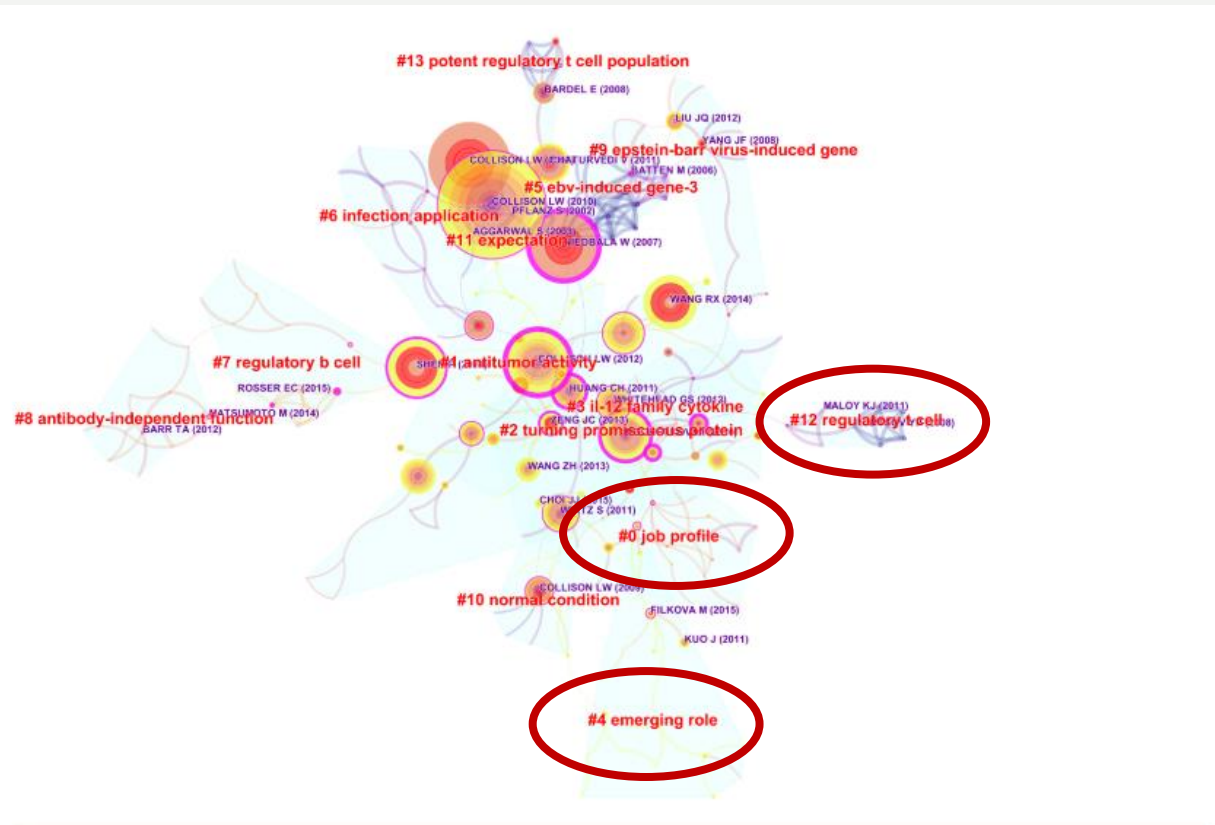


Figure 3 Reference co-citation map of articles related to IL-35 research published from 2009 to 2018. (A) Red labels represented different clusters. (B) “#0, #1, #2, #3...” were the serial number of the clusters. (C) The red circle of the node indicated that the citation frequency of the literature increases suddenly in a given period of time.

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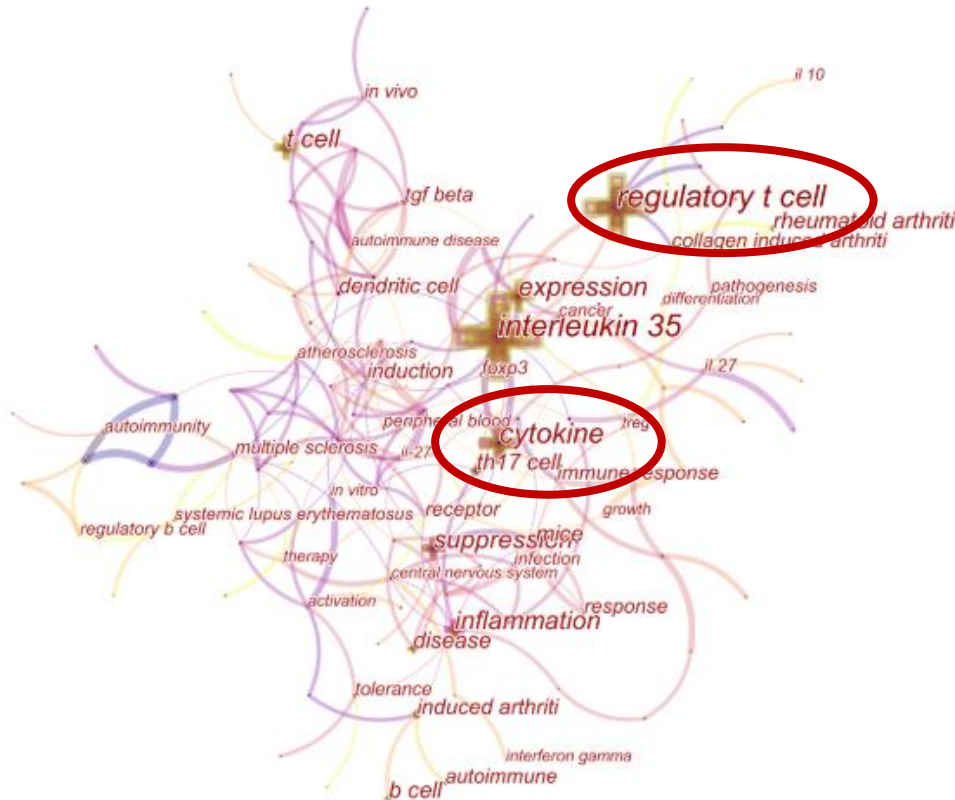


Figure 5 A keyword co-occurrence map of IL-35 from 2009 to 2018. The node size represented the co-occurrence frequency of keyword. The larger the node size indicated the higher the keyword frequency.

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Keywords	Year	Strength	Begin	End	2009 - 2018
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multiple sclerosis	2009	2.438	2009	2011	
growth factor beta	2009	2.4413	2009	2012	
dendritic cell	2009	3.9714	2009	2011	
central nervous system	2009	4.0623	2010	2014	
suppression	2009	3.511	2010	2013	
il 27	2009	3.5542	2012	2013	
ulcerative coliti	2009	2.4646	2012	2014	
cutting edge	2009	2.5643	2012	2013	
infectious tolerance	2009	2.7033	2012	2015	
autoimmunity	2009	2.6384	2015	2016	
cell	2009	2.4221	2016	2018	

Figure 6 Top 12 keywords with strongest citation bursts. Burst strength: the intensity of the sudden increase of keyword citation frequency in a certain period of time. Research frontiers are identified based on burst keywords.

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Timeline plot of co-citation

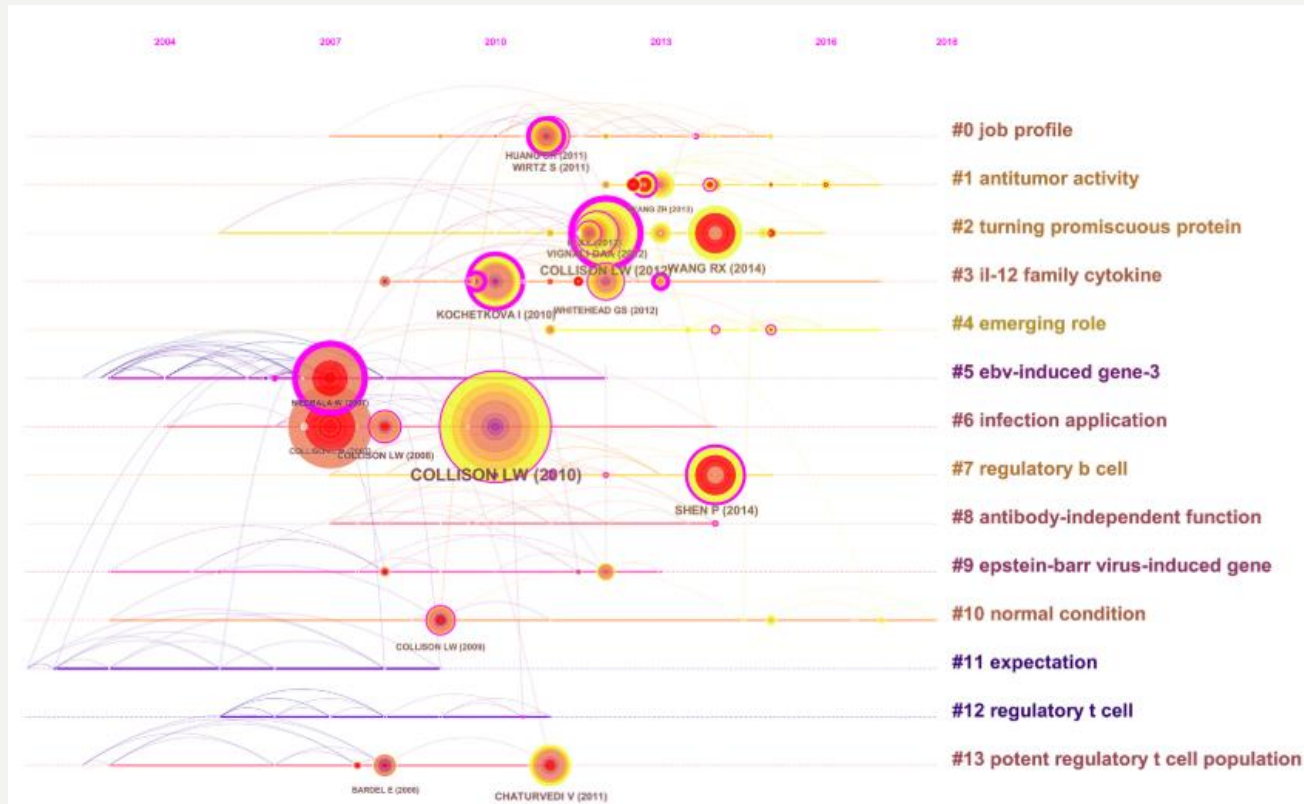


Figure 4 Reference co-citation time-view map of articles related to IL-35 research published from 2009 to 2018. (A) From #0 to #13, the clusters size decreased gradually. (B) From left to right, it means the time span from the past to 2018.

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- Interesting analysis of literature data
- Could serve as a template for reports from an integrated system at our chair
 - Keywords and research areas should be defined

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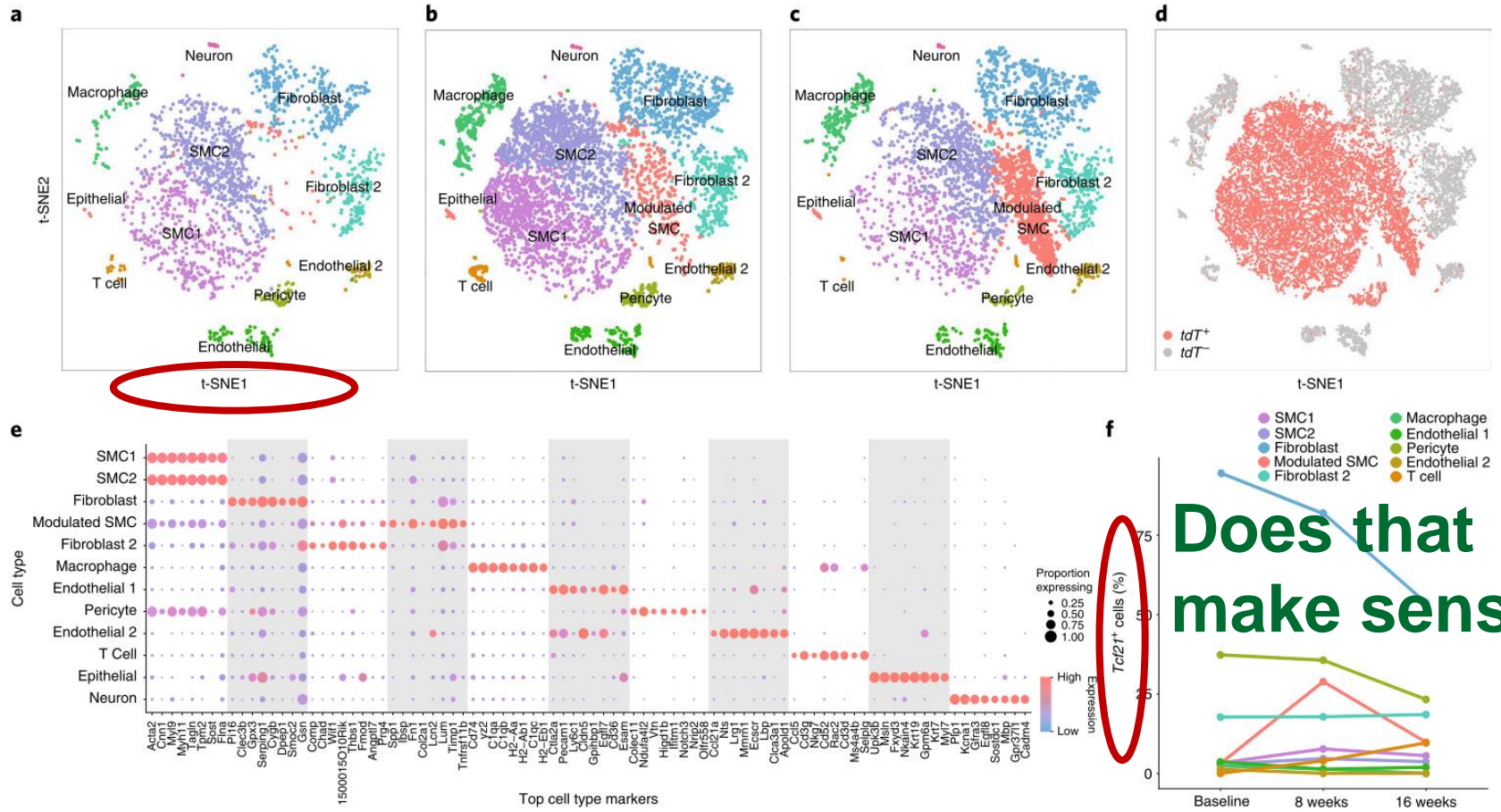
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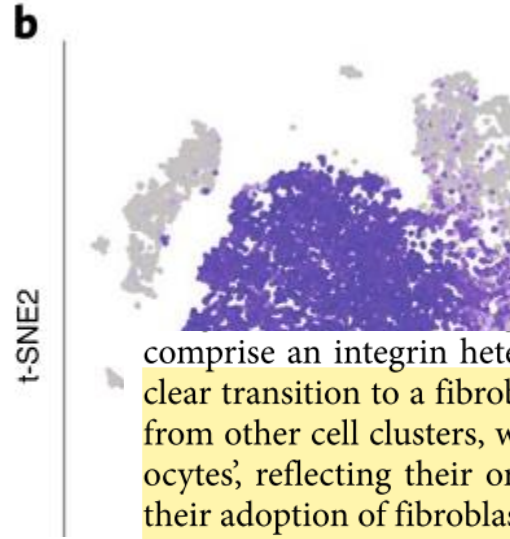
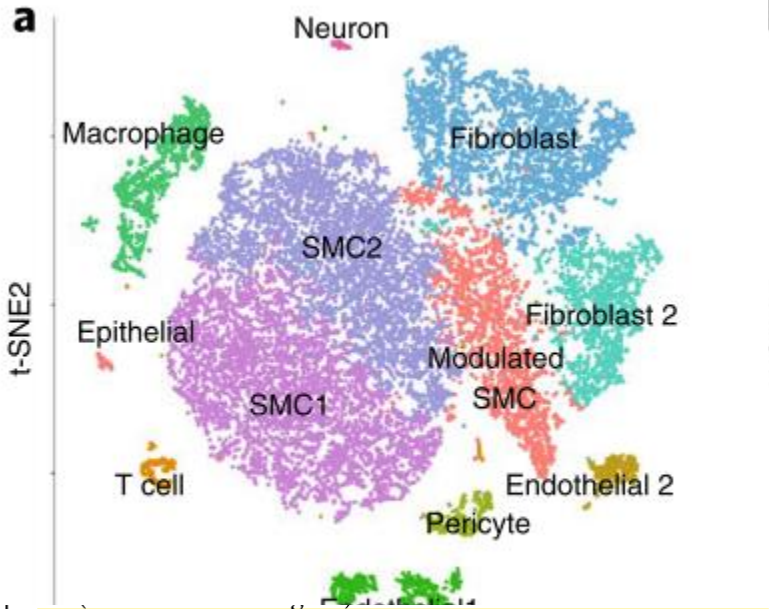
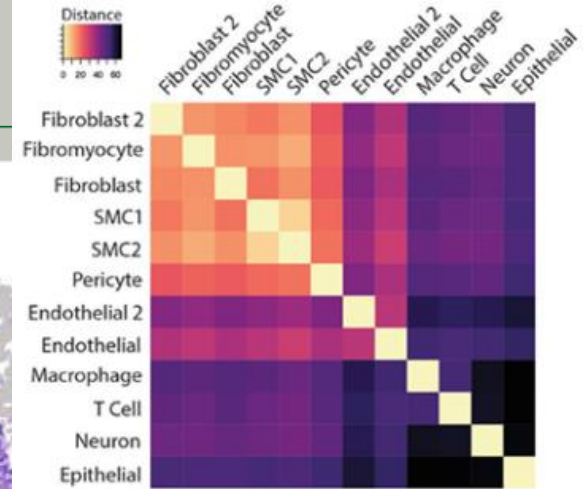


- SMCs develop into distinct phenotypes
 - Pro-inflammatory, dysfunctional macrophage-like cells: *Lgals3* up
 - Synthetic SMCs that may contribute to the protective fibrous cap, which would serve to prevent plaque rupture and myocardial infarction
- *Tcf21* expressed in proepicardial cells giving rise to cardiac fibroblasts and coronary artery SMCs
- Labeled *Myh11* (SMC origin vs. other cells)



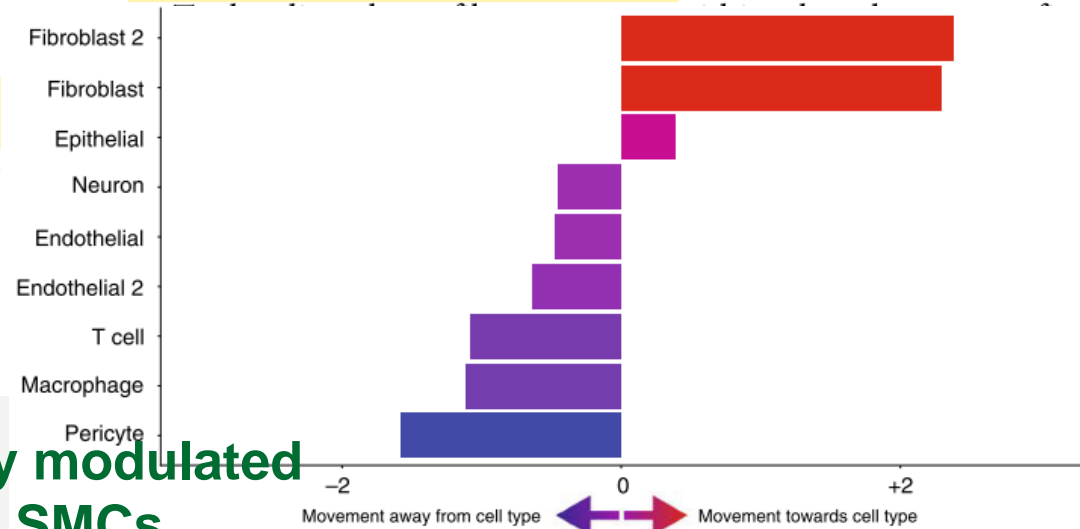
Does that make sense?

Fig. 1 | Transcriptomic characterization of mouse aortic root atherosclerotic plaques and *Tcf21* expression. **a-c**, t-SNE visualization of cell types present in



comprise an integrin heterodimer restricted to SMCs²⁰. Given the clear transition to a fibroblast-like phenotype, and their separation from other cell clusters, we termed the modulated SMCs ‘fibromyocytes’, reflecting their origin from smooth muscle myocytes and their adoption of fibroblast phenotype.

Interestingly, using t-SNE visualization, the ‘fibromyocyte’ cluster appeared to be continuous with the fibroblast 2 population. Calculating Euclidean distance in 20-dimensional principal components space revealed that modulated SMCs were becoming more transcriptionally similar to other cell types within the lesion. We calculated the Euclidean distance between the centroids of all cell groups in 20-dimensional principal component space and determined, with contractile SMCs as a reference point, how the phenotypically modulated SMCs had shifted in relation to each cell cluster. This analysis revealed that during



Contractile to phenotypically modulated SMCs, relative to contractile SMCs



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