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1. CD40-CD40L interactions are complex and cell-type dependent.
2. Antagonizing CD40, the receptor of CD40L, or its signal intermediates provides a sound alternative to systemic CD40L inhibition.
3. Platelet CD40L plays a central role in the inflammatory process of atherosclerosis.
4. TGF- $\beta$  is a master regulator of dendritic cell function.
5. Many researchers have suggested different immune-related strategies to modulate atherogenesis. However, only few have discussed and even fewer have investigated their systemic effect, which may represent the main cause of their atheromodulatory action.
6. Four years of your PhD reveal more about you than eighteen holes of match play or medal play.
7. The intensity of a good dram of whisky is complex, the taste of science overwhelming.
8. Promoters and co-promoters are like giants. You can stand on their shoulders, feel safe and see far.