

A microscopic image showing a dense population of cells. The cells are primarily stained in shades of blue and cyan, with numerous bright yellow and orange spots scattered throughout, likely representing specific organelles or markers. The overall appearance is that of a tissue section or a cell culture. The image is framed by a white border.

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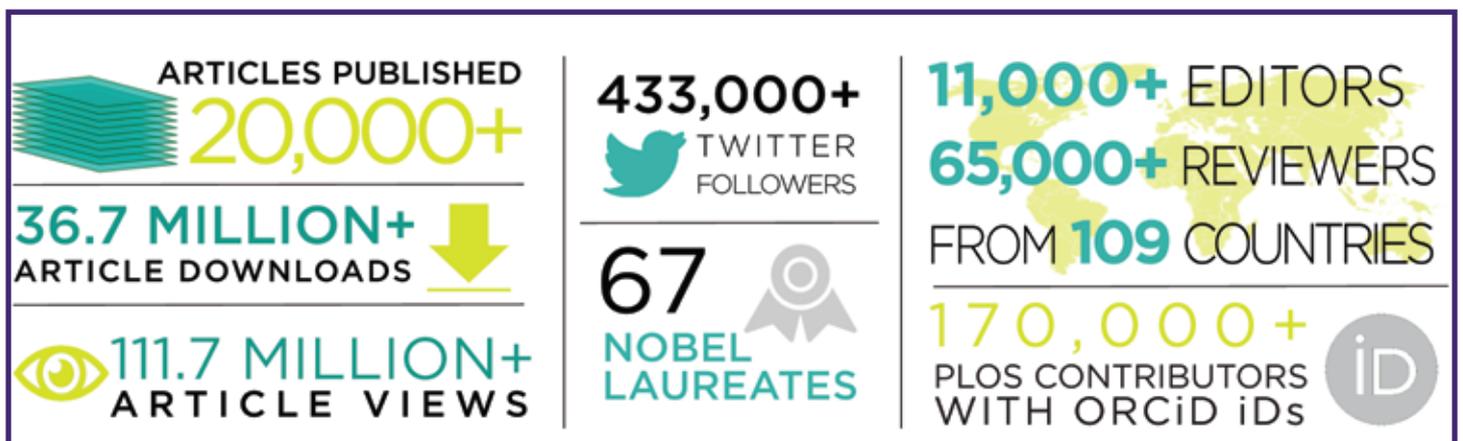
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