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A committed physician, scientist, and mentor, his vision is to assemble and lead research teams to integrate basic discoveries from academic laboratories with translational clinical development to first-in-human clinical trials of novel "homegrown" therapeutics, such as next generation cancer vaccines. In his role as Cancer Center Deputy Director he plays a key role in the future direction of City of Hope's translational and team science initiatives. He is an expert in the clinical management of patients with low grade lymphomas.

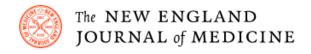
In 2010 Dr. Kwak was named to the TIME100, one of the world's 100 most influential people by TIME magazine, for his 20-year commitment to the science of cancer immunotherapy. In 2016 he was awarded the Ho-Am Prize in Medicine (highest scientific honor awarded by South Korea) for his pioneering research in cancer immunotherapy.

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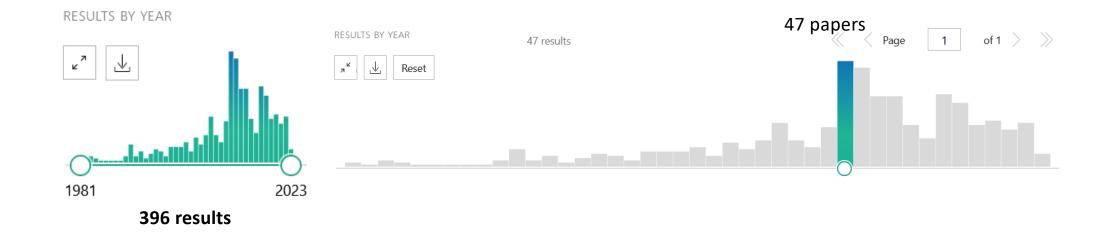
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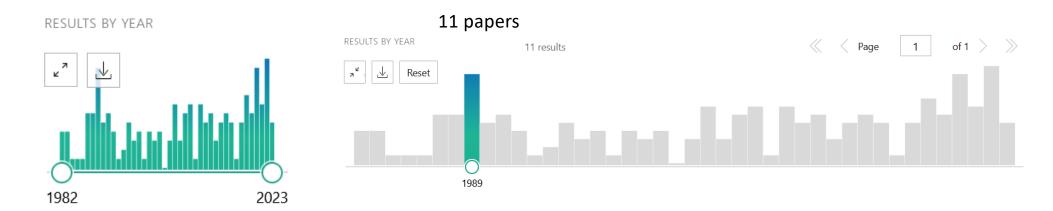
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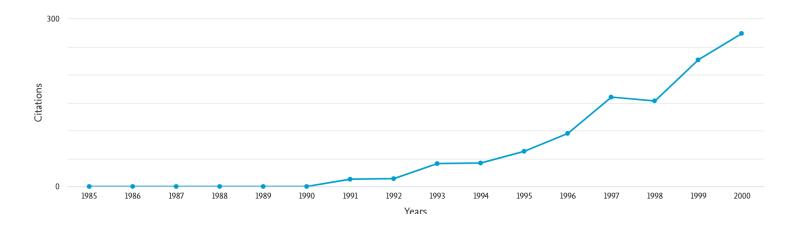
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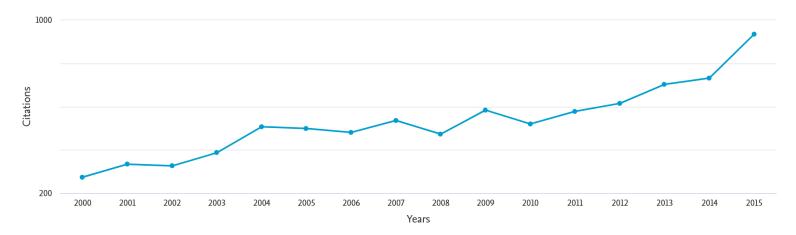






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Early career [edit]

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