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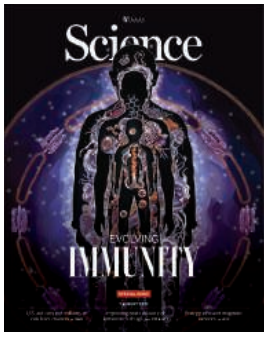

This illustration depicts the changes in the immune system throughout an individual's life span, from infancy to childhood, adulthood, and older age. The infant silhouette contains DNA, and the figures are enveloped by the nuclear and plasma membranes. These components reference the evolution of immunity over millennia, as viruses integrated into the genome and as life progressed from single-celled to multicellular organisms. See the special section beginning on page 586. Illustration: Rioka Hayama

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