

# The LBBE is highlighted for its contribution to the neutralist-selectionist debate

LBBE researchers are highlighted by the journal Molecular Biology and Evolution for their contribution on the neutralist-selectionist debate

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For its 40th anniversary, the journal Molecular Biology and Evolution launched a series of virtual issues in 2024, highlighting the historic and contemporary contributions of the journal.

The February virtual issue is dedicated to the neutralist-selectionist debate, and featured 17 articles published in MBE between 1993 and 2023:

<https://academic.oup.com/smbejournals/pages/neutralist-selectionist-debate-mbe> 

Four of these articles were authored by LBBE researchers:

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- Lartillot N and Poujol R 2011 A Phylogenetic Model for Investigating Correlated Evolution of Substitution Rates and Continuous Phenotypic Characters. Molecular Biology and Evolution 28: 729–744. <https://doi.org/10.1093/molbev/msq244>
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