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Structures of known allergens (first row, from left to right) from yellow lupine, birch pollen, milk and cherry. »From allergy to cancer: new perspectives for therapeutic vaccination« was the topic of the 89th International Titisee Conference organized by Rudolf Valenta, Vienna General Hospital, Vienna, Austria, and Thomas Brocker, Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich, Germany. For a report on the meeting, see Harald von Boehmer's and Michel Nussenzweig's article on pages 151–157.

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