

Congratulations to the 2013 SMJ Best Research Paper Award Winners

On behalf of the Singapore Medical Association (SMA), I am pleased to announce the following recipients of the 2013 SMJ Best Research Paper Awards:

First Prize

Cross-validation of a non-exercise measure for cardiorespiratory fitness in Singaporean adults

Sloan RA, Haaland BA, Leung C, Padmanabhan U, Koh HC, Zee A

Singapore Med J 2013; 54(10): 576-580

Second Prize

Eicosapentaenoic acid improves insulin sensitivity and blood sugar in overweight type 2 diabetes mellitus patients: a double-blind randomised clinical trial

Sarbolouki S, Javanbakht MH, Derakhshanian H, Hosseinzadeh P, Zareei M, Hashemi SB, Dorosty AR, Eshraghian MR, Djalali M

Singapore Med J 2013; 54(7): 387-390

Third Prize

A prospective comparison of chronic primary angle-closure glaucoma versus primary open-angle glaucoma in Singapore

Ngo CS, Aquino MC, Noor S, Loon SC, Sng CC, Gazzard G, Wong WL, Chew PT

Singapore Med J 2013; 54(3): 140-145

The award winners received a cash prize, commemorative trophy and certificate, which were presented at the SMA annual dinner held at Regent Singapore on May 10, 2014.

A total of 88 original articles published in 2013 of the SMJ were eligible for consideration for this award. The following criteria were adopted by the judging panel in determining the winning articles:

- (1) the paper with the most potential impact on clinical practice;
- (2) the paper with the most rigorous study design/research methodologies;
- (3) the paper with comprehensive data analysis and balanced discussion; and
- (4) the quality of the data interpretation.

We thank our panel of judges for their diligent and conscientious efforts:

Initial evaluation:

January–June papers: A/Prof Sophia Ang, Dr Sitoh Yih Yian, Dr Citra Mattar

June–December papers: Dr Daphne Ang, Prof Wong Wai Keong, A/Prof Kenneth Mak

Final round of judging:

Prof Chee Yam Cheng, Prof Wilfred CG Peh, Prof Tan Eng King

A/Prof Kian-Keong Poh

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