

Editorial

Molecules Best Paper Award 2012

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Molecules has started to institute a “Best Paper” award to recognize the most outstanding papers in the area of natural products, medicinal chemistry and molecular diversity published in *Molecules*. We are pleased to announce the first “*Molecules* Best Paper Award” for 2012. Nominations were selected by the Editor-in-Chief and selected editorial board members from among all the papers published in 2008. Reviews and research papers were evaluated separately. We are pleased to announce that the following three papers have won the *Molecules* Best Paper Award in 2012:

Article Award:

1st Prize

Sangmin Kim, Jae Hyuck Choi, Jong Bin Kim, Seok Jin Nam, Jung-Hyun Yang, Jung-Han Kim and Jeong Eon Lee

Berberine Suppresses TNF- α -induced MMP-9 and Cell Invasion through Inhibition of AP-1 Activity in MDA-MB-231 Human Breast Cancer Cells

Molecules 2008, 13(12), 2975–2985; doi:10.3390/molecules13122975

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/1420-3049/13/12/2975/>

2nd Prize

Faustine Dubar, Jamal Khalife, Jacques Brocard, Daniel Dive and Christophe Biot

Ferroquine, an Ingenious Antimalarial Drug –Thoughts on the Mechanism of Action

Molecules 2008, 13(11), 2900–2907; doi:10.3390/molecules13112900

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/1420-3049/13/11/2900/>

Review Award:*1st Prize***Masakiyo Hosokawa**

Structure and Catalytic Properties of Carboxylesterase Isozymes Involved in Metabolic Activation of Prodrugs

Molecules **2008**, *13*(2), 412–431; doi:10.3390/molecules13020412

Available online: <http://www.mdpi.com/1420-3049/13/2/412/>

We believe these three exceptional papers represent valuable contributions to *Molecules* and the scientific literature. On behalf of the Prize Awarding Committee and the Editorial Board of *Molecules*, we would like to congratulate these three teams for their excellent work. In recognition for their accomplishment, Drs. Jung-Han Kim and Jeong Eon Lee, Dr. Christophe Biot and Dr. Masakiyo Hosokawa will receive prizes of 1000 CHF, 500 CHF, and 500 CHF, respectively, and the privilege of publishing an additional of their choice paper free of charge in Open Access format in *Molecules*, after the usual peer-review procedure.

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