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Editorial

Pharmaceuticals Best Paper Award 2015

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It is always a difficult task for a jury to classify articles from a selection of outstanding manuscripts. This was the case again this year when we had to award a prize to three contributions only, whereas we read so many interesting and exciting results published in 2012 and 2013. Anyway, the members of the jury did their job and have the pleasure to announce that the three following publications won the *Pharmaceuticals* Best Paper Award for 2015.

1st Prize

Ivana Cacciatore, Erika Fornasari, Leonardo Baldassarre, Catia Cornacchia, Stefania Fulle, Ester Sara Di Filippo, Tiziana Pietrangelo and Francesco Pinnen

A Potent (R)-alpha-bis-lipoyl Derivative Containing 8-Hydroxyquinoline Scaffold: Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Its Neuroprotective Capabilities in SH-SY5Y Human Neuroblastoma Cells *Pharmaceuticals* **2013**, *6*(1), 54-69; doi:10.3390/ph6010054 Available online: http://www.mdpi.com/1424-8247/6/1/54

2nd Prize

Albert J. Chang, Ravindra DeSilva, Sandeep Jain, Kimberley Lears, Buck Rogers and Suzanne Lapi

89Zr-Radiolabeled Trastuzumab Imaging in Orthotopic and Metastatic Breast Tumors *Pharmaceuticals* **2012**, *5*(1), 79-93; doi:10.3390/ph5010079 Available online: http://www.mdpi.com/1424-8247/5/1/79

3rd Prize

Luiza I. Hernandez, Katie S. Flenker, Frank J. Hernandez, Aloysius J. Klingelhutz, James O. McNamara and Paloma H. Giangrande

Methods for Evaluating Cell-Specific, Cell-Internalizing RNA Aptamers *Pharmaceuticals* **2013**, *6*(3), 295-319; doi:10.3390/ph6030295 Available online: http://www.mdpi.com/1424-8247/6/3/295 The Prize Awarding Committee describes the article "A Potent (R)-alpha-bis-lipoyl Derivative Containing 8-Hydroxyquinoline Scaffold: Synthesis and Biological Evaluation of Its Neuroprotective Capabilities in SH-SY5Y Human Neuroblastoma Cells" as "An interesting preclinical approach, newly combining antioxidant/metal-chealting (in neuroprotective) molecules for the treatment of neurodegenerative diseases, such as PD or AD".

We believe these three papers represent valuable contributions to *Pharmaceuticals* and the scientific literature. On behalf of the Prize Awarding Committee and the Editorial Board of *Pharmaceuticals*, we warmly congratulate these three groups. In recognition of their accomplishment, Dr. Ivana Cacciatore, Dr. Suzanne Lapi, and Dr. Paloma H. Giangrande will have the opportunity of publishing an additional Open Access format review or research paper, free of charge, in our Journal, *Pharmaceuticals*.

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