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As the Editor-in-Chief of *Toxics*, it is my great pleasure to announce the winner of the *Toxics* 2021 Best PhD Thesis Award. This prize was aimed to be granted to a PhD student who has produced a highly anticipated academic potential thesis.

The award has been granted to:

**"Outdoor Environmental Factors and Human Epigenetic Modifications"** By Rongbin Xu, Monash University, Australia

The winner will receive CHF 500, a certificate, and a chance to publish a free paper in *Toxics* in 2022.

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On behalf of the evaluation committee, I would like to congratulate the winner on his accomplishment. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the nominated research groups of the above exceptional thesis for their contributions to *Toxics*, and the Award Committee for voting and helping with this award.

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