

SMJ Best Research Paper Awards 2011 Winners

On behalf of the Singapore Medical Association (SMA), I am pleased to announce the following recipients of the SMJ Best Research Paper Awards 2011:

First Prize

The efficacy and safety of intramuscular injections of methylcobalamin in patients with chronic nonspecific low back pain: a randomised controlled trial

Chiu C K, Low T H, Tey Y S, Singh V A, Shong H K

Published in: Singapore Med J 2011; 52(12): 868-873

Second Prize

Low- versus high-dose combination of midazolam-ketamine for oral premedication in children for ophthalmologic surgeries

Darlong V, Shende D, Singh M, Garg R, Pandey R, Punj J

Published in: Singapore Med J 2011; 52(7): 512-516

Third Prize

A randomised controlled trial of glutamine-enriched neonatal parenteral nutrition in Malaysia

Mohamad Ikram I, Quah B S, Noraida R, Djokomuljanto S, Faris Irfan C Y, Van Rostenberghe H

Published in: Singapore Med J 2011; 52(5): 356-360

The award winners received a cash prize, commemorative trophy and certificate, which were presented at the SMA annual dinner held at Marina Bay Sands on May 12, 2012.

A total of 91 original articles published in 2011 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:

Final round of judging: Prof Chee Yam Cheng, Prof Wilfred CG Peh, A/Prof Tan Eng King

Initial evaluation: A/Prof Sam Tay, Dr Ramani NV, Dr Pwee Keng Ho, Prof Fong Kok Yong, Dr Liao Kui Hin, Dr Wong Moh Sim

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