

Congratulations to the 2014 SMJ Best Research Paper Award Winners

On behalf of the Singapore Medical Association (SMA), I am pleased to announce the following recipients of the 2014 SMJ Best Research Paper Awards:

First Prize

The music listening preferences and habits of youths in Singapore and its relation to leisure noise-induced hearing loss

Lee JC, Lim MY, Kuan YW, Teo HW, Tan HG, Low WK

Singapore Med J 2014; 55(2): 72-77

Second Prize

The use of a second biopsy from the gastric body for the detection of *Helicobacter pylori* using rapid urease test

Wong AS, Ching SS, Long AS

Singapore Med J 2014; 55(12): 644-647

Third Prize

Syndecan-1 is a potential biomarker for triple-positive breast carcinomas in Asian women with correlation to survival

Lim GH, Tan PH, Jara-Lazaro AR, Thike AA, Sim WC, Yap VB, Yip GW

Singapore Med J 2014; 55(9): 468-472

The award winners received a cash prize, commemorative trophy and certificate, which were presented at the SMA Annual Dinner held at Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore on May 16, 2015.

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:

Dr How Choon How, Dr Liau Kui Hin, Prof Quak Seng Hock, Prof Kelvin Tan Kok Hian, A/Prof Thng Choon Hua, Adj A/Prof Sim Kang

Final judging:

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

A/Prof Kian-Keong Poh

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