

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2007 SMJ BEST RESEARCH PAPER AWARD WINNERS**

On behalf of the Singapore Medical Association (SMA), the Singapore Medical Journal (SMJ) is pleased to announce the following recipients of the 2007 SMJ best research paper awards:

**First Prize**

Heart failure cohort in Singapore with defined criteria: clinical characteristics and prognosis in a multi-ethnic hospital-based cohort in Singapore

*Authors: Leong K T G, Goh P P, Chang B C, Lingamanaicker J*

*Published in: Singapore Med J 2007; 48:408-414*

**Second Prize**

Rapid detection and serotyping of dengue virus by multiplex RT-PCR and real-time SYBR green RT-PCR

*Authors: Yong Y K, Thayan R, Chong H T, Tan C T, Sekaran S D*

*Published in: Singapore Med J 2007; 48:662-668*

**Third Prize**

Expression of survivin and its clinicopathological correlations in invasive ductal carcinoma of the breast

*Authors: Al-Joudi F S, Iskandar Z A, Hasnan J, Rusli J, Kamal Y, Imran A K, Ahmed M, Zakaria J*

*Published in: Singapore Med J 2007; 48:607-614*

The award winners received a cash prize, commemorative trophy and a certificate, which were presented at the SMA annual dinner held at The Regent Singapore on April 26, 2008.

All 136 original articles published in the January to December 2007 issues (volume 48, issues 1–12) of the SMJ were eligible for consideration for this award. The following criteria were adopted by the judging panel in determining the winning articles:

- the paper with the most potential impact on clinical practice,
- the paper with the most rigorous study design/research methodologies,
- the paper with comprehensive data analysis and balanced discussion, and
- the quality of the data interpretation

We thank the distinguished panel of judges for their diligent and conscientious efforts:

Professor Chee Yam Cheng

Professor Lee Eng Hin

Professor Ong Yong Yau

The following Editorial Board members performed the initial evaluation of original articles:

January–June articles: A/Prof Bay Boon Huat, Dr Hsu Li Yang, Dr Eugene HC Liu

July–December articles: Prof Anantharaman V, Dr Benedict Tan, Dr Thng Choon Hua

Announcements for the 2008 SMJ best research paper award were published in the January to May issues of the journal. Please submit your best papers. Our journal depends on articles of high quality.

**Professor Wilfred C G Peh**

Editor

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