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# 2021 BEST PAPER AWARD WINNERS

Dear Colleagues,

As the Editors-in-Chief of *Cells*, we are pleased to announce the winners of the “*Cells* 2021 Best Paper Awards for Anniversary Special Issues”. The awards have been granted to:

**One first prize:** CHF 1000 and a waiver to publish in *Cells* after peer review  
“Overexpression of an Agave Phosphoenolpyruvate Carboxylase Improves Plant Growth and Stress Tolerance”  
Degao Liu et al.  
doi.:10.3390/cells10030582

**Two second prizes:** CHF 800 and CHF 1000 voucher to publish in *Cells* after peer review  
“Weight Pulling: A Novel Mouse Model of Human Progressive Resistance Exercise”  
Wenyuan G. Zhu et al.  
doi.:10.3390/cells10092459

“Affecting HEK293 Cell Growth and Production Performance by Modifying the Expression of Specific Genes”  
Laura Abaandou et al.  
doi.:10.3390/cells10071667

**Three third prizes:** CHF 500 and CHF 600 voucher to publish in *Cells* after peer review  
“Comparing Biochemical and Raman Microscopy Analyses of Starch, Lipids, Polyphosphate, and Guanine Pools during the Cell Cycle of *Desmodesmus quadricauda*”  
Šárka Moudříková et al.  
doi.:10.3390/cells10010062

“Gut Microbiota and Neuroplasticity”  
Julia Murciano-Brea et al.  
doi.:10.3390/cells10082084

“The Genomic Landscape of Thyroid Cancer Tumourigenesis and Implications for Immunotherapy”  
Amandeep Singh et al.  
doi.:10.3390/cells10051082

In addition to these prizes, we have also selected ten papers which represented outstanding contributions to our journal. Each outstanding contribution winner will receive a 600 CHF voucher to publish in *Cells* after peer review. More information about the outstanding contribution winners can be found at <https://www.mdpi.com/journal/cells/announcements/3571>.