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The JCM Outstanding Research Award was initiated to recognize outstanding research by authors of the journal that has had a significant international impact. The novelty and significance of research works were assessed by the JCM Editorial Board and reviewers along with consideration of the citations.

2020 OUTSTANDING RESEARCH

AWARD

We are very pleased to announce that Dr. Robin Nicholas Thompson will be granted the *JCM* 2020 Outstanding Research Award for his contribution of using mathematical models to represent the epidemiological or evolutionary behavior of infectious disease outbreaks. The main aims are not only to generate forecasts of specific outbreaks but also to understand how diseases spread such that forecasts can be made, and control interventions can be planned with more precision.

His paper "Novel Coronavirus Outbreak in Wuhan, China, 2020: Intense Surveillance Is Vital for Preventing Sustained Transmission in New Locations" published in February 2020 (https://www.mdpi.com/2077-0383/9/2/498) was recognized as recommended reading by the World Health Organization.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Thompson on receiving this award. As the awardee, Dr. Thompson will receive an honorarium of 1000 CHF (Swiss Francs).

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