



The Awardees of the 2023 «Swiss Society Infectious Diseases (SSI)» Awards donated by the SSI

The Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases (SSI) awarded prizes in basic and clinical research. The first prize in each category was rewarded with CHF 8'000.-, the 2nd with CHF 5'000.- and the 3rd one with CHF 2'000.-.

Category *Basic Research in Infectious Diseases*

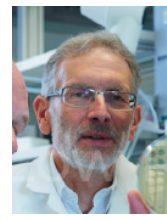
The **first prize** in basic research goes to **Dr. Darya Palianina, PhD** (University Hospital Basel, Department of Biomedicine Infection Biology) for the article “A method for polyclonal antigen-specific T cell-targeted genome editing (TarGET) for adoptive cell transfer applications”, published in *Molecular Therapy: Methods & Clinical Development*. The **second prize** goes to **Dr. Srikanth Mairpady Shambat** (Dept. Infectious Diseases and Hospital Hygiene University Hospital of Zurich) for the article “Serine-threonine phosphoregulation by PknB and Stp contributes to quiescence and antibiotic tolerance in *Staphylococcus aureus*”, published in *Science Signaling* 2023. The **third prize** goes to **Dr. Thilo Köhler, Ph.D.** (Dept. Microbiology and Mol. Medicine Université de Genève) for the article “Personalized aerosolized bacteriophage treatment of a chronic lung infection due to multidrug-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*”, published in *Nature Communications* 2023.



Darya Palianina



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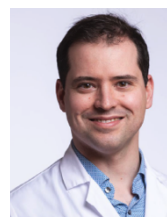
The **first prize** in clinical research goes to **Dr. Emily West** (Dept. Infectious Diseases and Hospital Hygiene University Hospital of Zurich) for the article “Sustained viral suppression with dolutegravir monotherapy over 192 weeks in patients starting combination antiretroviral therapy during primary HIV infection (EARLY-SIMPLIFIED): a randomized, controlled, multi-site, non-inferiority trial”, published in *Clinical Infectious Diseases* 2023. The **second prize** goes to **Dr. med. Gaud Catho** (Infection Control Division University of Geneva Hospitals) for the article “Impact of interactive computerized decision support for hospital antibiotic use (COMPASS): an open-label, cluster-randomized trial in three Swiss hospitals”, published in *Lancet Infect Dis* 2022. The **third prize** goes to **Dr. Philipp Kohler** (Dept. of Infectious Diseases and Hospital Hygiene Kantonsspital St. Gallen) for the article “Risk and symptoms of COVID-19 in health professionals according to baseline immune status and booster vaccination during the delta and Omicron waves in Switzerland- a multicenter cohort study”, published in *PLOS Medicine*.



Emily West



Gaud Catho



Philippe Kohler