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SSI Award Ceremony 2026 for Outstanding Work in Clinical and Basic Research

Thursday, 10 September 2026 · 14:45–15:30

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SSI Awards 2026

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Best Paper	Clinical Research	Basic Research
1 st Prize	8000.-	8000.-
2 nd Prize	5000.-	5000.-
3 rd Prize	2000.-	2000.-
Submitted	7 papers	5 papers

Winners 2026

Basic Research in Infectious Diseases



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3rd Prize

Basic Research in Infectious Diseases

Benjamin Meyer, Geneva

Adjuvanted influenza vaccination increases pre-existing H5N1 cross-reactive antibodies

Authors:

Mariana Alcocer Bonifaz, Disha Bhavsar, Claire-Anne Siegrist,
Arnaud Didierlaurent, Benjamin Meyer

Published in Nature Communications, 7 January 2026

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2nd Prize

Basic Research in Infectious Diseases

Prof. Dr. sc. nat. Roger Kouyos, Zurich
Nuri Han, PhD, Zurich

The effect of long-acting cabotegravir and rilpivirine treatment on drug resistance in South Africa: a modelling study

Paper 1 – Authors:

Nuri Han, Tom Loosli, Nanina Anderegg, Anthony Hauser, Johannes Josi, Mary-Ann Davies,
Leigh F Johnson, Richard Lessells, Huldrych F Günthard, Matthias Egger, Roger D Kouyos

Published in The Lancet Global Health, 13 November 2025

Novel integrase mutations linked to genotypic DTG resistance in African non-B HIV-1 strains: the DTG RESIST study

Paper 2 – Authors:

Nuri Han, Tom Loosli, Mamatha Sauermann, İpek Çelikağ, Nanina Anderegg, Bertha C Baye, Carolyn Bolton Moore,
Lydia Buzalirwa, Helen Byakwaga, Cleophas Chimbetete, Peter V Ebasone, Suzanne Goodrich, Jacqueline Huwa,
Charles Kasozi, Adolphe Mafoua, Arcel Christ Massamba, Eugène Messou, Albert Minga, Gad Murenzi, Guy Muula,
Winnie Muyindike, Shirelle J Naidoo, Dominique Mahambou Nsonde, Arnel G Poda, Richard Ramdè, Aggrey Semeere,
Lavanya Singh, Huldrych F Günthard, Matthias Egger, Jennifer Giandhari, Richard Lessells, Roger D Kouyos

Published in the Journal of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy, April 2026

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1st Prize

Basic Research in Infectious Diseases

Prof. Dr. med. Silvio Brugger, Zurich

Adjuvant commensal therapy enhances antibiotic efficacy against *Staphylococcus aureus*

Authors:

Chun-Chi Chang, Tomas Demeter, Alejandro Gómez-Mejía, Weronika Barcik, Judith Bergada-Pijuan,
Andrew G. Kempchinsky, Umberto Maccio, Eline Cauwenberghs, Nora Ranzoni, Ilke De Boeck,
Sarah Lebeer, Srikanth Mairpady Shambat, Silvio D. Brugger

Published in Microbiome, 14 August 2026

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Clinical Research in Infectious Diseases



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3rd Prize

Clinical Research in Infectious Diseases

PD Dr. med. Sylvain Meylan, Lausanne

**An artificial intelligence-powered learning health system to improve
sepsis detection and quality of care: a before-and-after study**

Authors:

Jérémie Despraz, Raphaël Matusiak, Snežana Nektarijevic, Valerio Rossetti,
François Bastardot, Rachid Akrou, Andreas Konasch, Emeline Gauthiez, Olivier Pignolet,
Santino Pepe, Jean-Daniel Chiche, Daniel E. Kaufmann, Thierry Calandra,
Jean Louis Raisaro, Sylvain Meylan, and the CHUV Sepsis consortium

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2nd Prize

Clinical Research in Infectious Diseases

Dr. Nadine Tschumi, Basel

**Integrating clinical decision support and mobile health for
differentiated HIV service delivery in Lesotho (VITAL):
a cluster-randomised non-inferiority trial**

Authors:

Nadine Tschumi, Malebanye Lerotholi, Mathebe Kopo, Mpho Kao, Lipotso Motaboli,
Moleboheng Mokebe, Ntoiseng Chejane, Makobefo Chakela, Bienvenu L. Nsakala, Blaise Lukau,
Alastair van Heerden, Ruanne V. Barnabas, Jesse Heitner, Adrienne E. Shapiro, Lorena Urda,
Giuliana Sanchez, Tristan Lee, Jennifer A. Brown, Alain Amstutz, Jennifer M. Belus,
Frédérique Chammartin, Niklaus D. Labhardt

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1st Prize

Clinical Research in Infectious Diseases

Dr. med. Felix Gerber, Basel

**Same-day versus rapid ART initiation in people with HIV and
symptoms of tuberculosis (SaDAPT): a randomised,
non-inferiority trial in Lesotho and Malawi**

Authors:

Felix Gerber, Robina Semphere, Blaise Lukau, Palesa Mahlatsi, Hannah Mbale,
Giuliana Sanchez-Samaniego, Nikita Sass, Alain Amstutz, Mamello Molatelle,
Nthuseng Bridgett Marake, Tapiwa Tarumbiswa, Marriot Nliwasa, Irene Ayakaka,
Tracy R Glass, Peter MacPherson, Rachael M Burke, Niklaus D Labhardt

Published in The Lancet HIV, 12 February 2026

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Congratulations to all awardees

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