

COMMENTARY

The CMGH Awards



As the entertainment industry's awards season draws to a close, it is time for the *Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology* awards, also known as the *Gutsies*. There are many to go around because 2016 was an outstanding year for both the Journal and the authors who published in *Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology*.

For the most downloaded and cited review article, the winners are as follows (the virtual envelope please):

1. Kiesler et al.¹ Experimental models of inflammatory bowel diseases.
2. Llorente and Schnabl.² The gut microbiota and liver disease.
3. Ohland and Jobin.³ Microbial activities and intestinal homeostasis: a delicate balance between health and disease.

Our first place article¹ was downloaded as full text approximately 5200 times and cited 16 times. The second² and third³ place articles were each cited 10 times, and were downloaded approximately 3900 and 2200 times each, respectively. Not only do we thank the authors of these comprehensive and timely reviews, but we encourage all of you to take another look at the articles. Maybe you will find a gem that has been hidden within the virtual pages of *Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology*.

Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology has also published outstanding original research. This has run the gamut from fundamental basic science to translational analyses of novel tumor detection approaches. The winners^{4–6} in the category of original research articles have each been downloaded approximately 2000 times as full text. Citation data have therefore been used to rank these articles, with the first place article having been cited 7 times. The winners are as follows:

1. Brown et al.⁵ Enteric glia mediate neuron death in colitis through purinergic pathways that require connexin-43 and nitric oxide.
2. Aoki et al.⁴ Foxl1-expressing mesenchymal cells constitute the intestinal stem cell niche.
3. Ono et al.⁶ Circulating tumor DNA analysis for liver cancers and its usefulness as a liquid biopsy.

It is interesting to note that, in addition to covering the spectrum from basic to translational science, these articles also address diverse topics within gastrointestinal, liver, and pancreatic research. They encompass motility, colitis, stem cell biology, and cancer biology involving the luminal gastrointestinal tract as well as the liver. The attention these articles have garnered, even in these early days after



publication, suggest that we are making progress toward establishing *Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology* as a premier basic and translational gastrointestinal, liver, and pancreatic biology journal for the benefit of our entire research community. Consistent with that, more than 80% of the original articles published by *Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology* in 2015 were cited in 2016. If you missed any of these studies, please access them at CMGHjournal.org or via Science Direct. Remember, *Cellular and Molecular Gastroenterology and Hepatology* is open access and all articles are freely available as HTML full text, PDF, and even PowerPoint slides of figures.

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