



NPP (Neuropsychopharmacology): Journal Update

The eleventh annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Transformative Original Report (NEATOR), which honors the best original paper published in our journal during the previous calendar year, was presented at the 62nd ACNP Annual Meeting. This year's award was given to Friederike Holze, Ph.D. and Matthias E. Liechti, M.D. for the manuscript entitled, "*Direct comparison of the acute effects of lysergic acid diethylamide and psilocybin in a double-blind placebo-controlled study in healthy subjects*".



**Friederike Holze,
Ph.D.**

University Hospital Basel



**Matthias E. Liechti,
M.D.**

University Hospital Basel

Please [click here](#) to watch the NEATOR Award acceptance video by Dr. Holze.

Please [click here](#) to watch the nominator of the NEATOR Award video by Arthur Brody, M.D.

The seventh annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Award for a Review (NEAR), intended to recognize the "top" review paper published in print in *Neuropsychopharmacology* during the previous calendar year, was presented at the 62nd ACNP Annual Meeting. This year's award was given to Diego A. Pizzagalli, Ph.D. and Angela Roberts, Ph.D., for the manuscript entitled, "*Prefrontal cortex and depression.*"



**Diego A. Pizzagalli,
Ph.D.**

McLean Hospital/Harvard
Medical School



**Angela Roberts,
Ph.D.**

University of Cambridge

Please [click here](#) to watch the NEAR Award acceptance video by Dr. Pizzagalli and Dr. Roberts. Please [click here](#) to watch the nominator of the NEAR Award video by Stan Floresco, Ph.D.

The fifth annual *Neuropsychopharmacology* Editors' Early Career Award (NEECA), intended to recognize a *Neuropsychopharmacology* original report (non-review) published in print during the previous calendar year, was presented at the 62nd ACNP Annual Meeting. This year's award was given to Anna Konova, Ph.D. for the manuscript entitled, "*A neuroeconomic signature of opioid craving: How fluctuations in craving bias drug-related and nondrug-related value.*"



Anna Konova, Ph.D.

Rutgers University - New
Brunswick

Please [click here](#) to watch the NEECA Award acceptance video by Dr. Konova.

Statement from the nominator of the NEECA Award, Yavin Shaham, Ph.D. -

Craving plays an important role in opioid use and relapse, yet we lack a comprehensive model linking it to the choice of opioid drugs over healthier options. Dr. Konova and her colleagues introduced a novel method rooted in decision neuroscience to address this gap. They applied this method to individuals undergoing community-based opioid addiction treatment in real-world settings. The authors described a behavioral signature of opioid craving and a computational framework that explains how craving skews choices towards opioids. They found that fluctuating opioid craving amplifies the perceived value of drug-related options in the moment, without affecting equally appealing non-drug alternatives. This shift in subjective valuation, driven by craving, provides new insights into how craving shapes decision-making systems and influences addiction-related behaviors in real-life situations. The study of Dr. Konova and her colleagues also broadly contributes to the emerging field of computational psychiatry and the understanding of human subjective states.

Congratulations to the entire authorship team!

The Top 10 Reviewers for 2023 were announced prior to the 62nd ACNP Annual Meeting. This recognition was based on the number of reviews completed within a 1-year period (December 1, 2022 through November 30, 2023), and given to the following reviewers:

#1 – Graeme Mason (11)
#2 – Steven Mennerick (10)
#3 – Paul Croarkin (9)*
#4 – Erin Calipari (9)*
#5 – Harriet de Wit (8)*

#6 – Muhammad Husain (8)*
#7 – Carlos Bolanos-Guzman (8)*
#8 – Lara Ray (8)*
#9 – Sanjay Mathew (7)*
#10 – Yan Dong (7)*

6 others with (7) reviews (2 Women / 4 Men)

The number within the parentheses indicates the number of reviews completed, and the stars indicate that our tie-breaker system was used when determining the exact order. Our first tie-breaker is the average number of days required to complete the review, and the second is the percentage of invitations to review accepted.

These individuals received gift cards as a sign of gratitude for their service to the journal. This program is open to any individual engaged in the process of reviewing manuscripts for *NPP* (excluding senior editors who make reviewer assignments) and is not dependent upon membership status.

The tireless efforts of our reviewers play an important role in keeping our journal on the cutting-edge. We congratulate the winners and thank all who have reviewed for the journal, as well as those who have submitted manuscripts. We hope that you will continue to consider *NPP* as a venue for your finest work.

Sincerely,

Lisa Monteggia, Ph.D. & Tony P. George, M.D., FRCPC
On Behalf of the Editors of *NPP*