2021 CAPA-GoPath Best Abstract Award Winners

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Dear CAPA members,

We are pleased to announce the winners of our CAPA-GoPath Best Abstract Award competition in 2021. First, I would like to thank all members of our award committee for their hard work to get the results finalized. Particularly, I would like to thank Jim Lu, the founder of GoPath for his generosity and strong support. The 6 winners are:

Ranking	Authors	Abstract Title	Institution
1st place	Yanna Ding, MD Ph.D. PGY-3	Increased CD25+CD4+T-cells Proportion and FOXP3+ cells are Associated with Advanced Stage in Follicular Lymphomas - A Single-Institute Study	Medical University of South Carolina
2nd place	Hong Fang, MD, PGY-6	Expression Pattern and Diagnostic Utility of BCL11B in T and NK-cell Neoplasms	MD Anderson Cancer Center
3rd place	Yi Tat Tong, MD, PGY-5	GRP78 Expression and Prognostic Significance in Treated and Treatment-Naïve Patients with Pancreatic Ductal Carcinoma	MD Anderson Cancer Center
3rd place	Zhengshan Chen MD, PGY-4	Variant Histology Predicts Poor Clinical Outcome in Patients with Upper Tract Urothelial Carcinoma: A Single Institution Experience	University of Southern California
3rd place	Rong Xia, MD, Ph.D, PGY-5	Paired Comparison of Molecular Tests for Cytologically Indeterminate Thyroid Nodules	NYU Langone Health Center
3rd place	Lin Zhang, MD, Ph.D. PGY-5	Performance of the Afirma Genomic Sequencing Classifier versus Gene Expression Classifier in Bethesda Category III Thyroid Nodules: An Institutional Experience	University of Michigan

This year, we received a total of 23 abstracts from 19 applicants for this competition. These winners were selected after a careful reviewing of all eligible abstracts by 10 reviewers. The quality of these research is amazing. To get a fair evaluation, author names and institution names have been removed. Based on the abstract quality (such as novel idea, new method/technology, significant findings, etc), each committee member reviewed all abstracts independently. One score ranging from 1 to 5 was given to each abstract. 5 is the highest score while 1 is the worst. The average score was calculated. This year, the competition is very tight, and the winning score ranges is 3.61 to 3.35 with a difference of 0.26 between the first place and third place.

Please join us to thank all applicants for their participation and congratulate all winners on their excellent work!

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