Dear CAPA members,

We are pleased to announce the winners of 2023 CAPA GoPath Best Abstract Award competition. Please join us in congratulating the 6 winners for their excellent academic work!

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This year, we received 29 qualified abstracts from 21 pathologists-in-training for the competition. Winners were selected after a careful review of all qualified abstracts by 13 members of the award committee. Each member reviewed abstracts independently. Blind review was performed by removing author names and institution names from all abstracts to ensure fair and unbiased evaluation. In addition, committee members did not score abstracts they coauthored to avoid conflict of interest. The committee member who organized the abstracts (and hence knew author and institutional information) did not participate in initial evaluation but was asked to evaluate two abstracts to break a score-tie.

Each abstract was scored based on its quality including originality of ideas, novelty of method, significance, and clinical relevance on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 is the lowest and 10 the highest. The average score was calculated for each abstract. This year the competition was very tight; the winning scores ranged from 7.31 to 7.77 with a difference of 0.46 between the first place and third place.

We would like to thank all applicants for their participation.

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