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Dear Colleagues,

We are pleased to announce that the winners of the *Biomedicines* 2023 Young Investigator Award are Dr. Alessandra Bettiol and Dr. Nico Sollmann.

Dr. Alessandra Bettiol is a postdoctoral researcher at the Department of Experimental and Clinical Medicine, University of Florence, Italy. Since receiving her PhD in 2018, Dr. Bettiol has worked in the field of rare autoimmune diseases, particularly systemic vasculitis, producing ground-breaking research on the biochemical and pathogenetic mechanisms sustaining these conditions, with a particular focus on the role of oxidative stress and fibrinogen structural and functional modifications in thrombo-inflammation. Also, she has made significant contributions to the field of innovative therapeutic approaches, collecting and analyzing data related to the largest European cohort of patients treated with innovative drugs for eosinophilic granulomatosis with polyangiitis (EGPA), a rare systemic vasculitis. Dr. Bettiol is a highly productive young researcher and has published >120 peer-reviewed articles in high-ranking journals. According to Scopus, her research has received > 1650 citations, and her h-index is 21.

Dr. Nico Sollmann graduated from the Medical School at the Technical University of Munich (TUM) in 2013. He completed the Ph.D. program “Medical Life Science and Technology” at TUM in 2017, followed by residency at the Department of Diagnostic and Interventional Neuroradiology at Klinikum rechts der Isar (TUM). To focus on research in between his clinical rotations, Dr. Sollmann completed an internship at Harvard Medical School, Boston, USA, in 2016 and held a post-doc position at University of California San Francisco, USA, in 2021. He currently works as a radiologist in training at the University Hospital Ulm as well as at the Klinikum rechts der Isar (TUM). He has published over 200 Pubmed-listed articles and has an h-index of 37. He has been awarded several prestigious scientific awards. Dr. Sollmann continues to serve as a reviewer and editor for multiple journals and is a member of several national and international scientific societies, with a strong focus on the neuroimaging and imaging of the spine.

Please join us in congratulating Dr. Alessandra Bettiol and Dr. Nico Sollmann for their outstanding achievements.

As the awardees, Dr. Alessandra Bettiol and Dr. Nico Sollmann will each receive an honorarium of CHF 1000, an offer to publish a paper free of charge before the end of June 2024 in *Biomedicines* after peer review, and an electronic certificate.

We would like to thank all the nominators from various fields of study for their participation and all the Award Committee Members for their evaluation of the many excellent nominations.

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