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Editorial

Sanofi-*Cell Research* outstanding paper award of 2011

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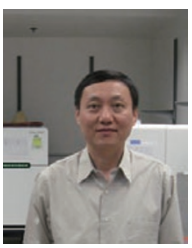
We are pleased to announce the winners of the 3rd Sanofi-*Cell Research* Outstanding Paper Award, which were selected from papers published in the 2011 print issues of *Cell Research*. The 2011 Sanofi-*Cell Research* Outstanding Review Article Award goes to Dr Tony Kouzarides, for his review paper entitled "Regulation of chromatin by histone modifications" [1]. The winners of the 2011 Sanofi-*Cell Research* Outstanding Research Article Award are Drs Bing Ren and James A Thomson, for their paper entitled "Dynamic chromatin states in human ES cells reveal potential regulatory sequences and genes involved in pluripotency" [2]; and Dr Linzhao Cheng, for his paper entitled "Efficient human iPS cell derivation by a non-integrating plasmid from blood cells with unique epigenetic and gene expression signatures" [3]. The award consists of a prize of € 3 000 for the Outstanding Review Article Award and € 5 000 for the Outstanding Research Article Award sponsored by Sanofi. The three award-winning papers are selected based on the voting by members of the Sanofi-Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences Steering Committee.



The award-winning review by Dr Kouzarides was published in the March issue of 2011 as part of a Special Issue on epigenetics & chromatin, which features a collection of 9 authoritative reviews by renowned experts in the field [4]. The two award-winning research articles are both from the field of stem cell biology, an area in which *Cell Research* has published quite extensively in recent years [5]. Interestingly, these two papers also both feature contents related to the study of epigenetics or chromatin, as nicely reflected in their respective titles. We believe this is an indication that as *Cell Research* continues the rise in its academic status, we are seeing more and more papers published from the angle of inter-disciplinary studies.

We congratulate Drs Tony Kouzarides, Bing Ren, James Thomson, and Linzhao Cheng on their winning of the 2011 Sanofi-*Cell Research* Outstanding Paper Award, and hope that this yearly award program will continue to encourage our fellow scientists to submit their best work to *Cell Research*.

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