**ANZMUSC OA SIG Osteoarthritis Paper of the Year Award 2023**

The Australia and New Zealand Musculoskeletal (ANZMUSC) Clinical Trials Network aims to optimise musculoskeletal health through high quality, collaborative clinical research. The ANZMUSC Osteoarthritis Special Interest Group (OA SIG) comprises a group of ANZMUSC members with a common interest in advancing research and conducting high quality clinical trials within the area of osteoarthritis.

ANZMUSC OA SIG established the Osteoarthritis Paper of the Year Award in 2023 to recognise the contribution of a member who has published a high-quality scientific paper in the field of osteoarthritis.

**Award Guidelines**

Papers eligible for this award must be original research involving humans, that focus on any aspect of osteoarthritis research. Eligible papers must be published in the English language (published in any country). Eligible papers must have been published (electronically or in print) during the 2022 calendar year in a peer-reviewed journal. This includes research papers that are only available online. For papers that are “epub ahead of print” the date of first online publication of the final version will specify the publication year. All study designs are eligible, including clinical trials, systematic reviews and meta-analyses. Editorials, opinion pieces, narrative and clinical reviews are not eligible. A paper may only be nominated once for this award and will not be considered for multiple years by using different dates associated with epub vs. print formats. Nominations are due on September 8, 2023.

The ANZMUSC OA SIG Committee will review all nominations. The panel reserves the right to not make an award during a calendar year. The panel also reserves the right to award a runner-up where a nomination is deemed worthy. The paper will be judged using the following criteria:

* **Addresses a critical gap or a significant innovation in osteoarthritis**
* **Reports findings that have the potential to significantly impact clinical practice, patient outcomes, healthcare delivery, and/or health equity**
* **Uses methods of outstanding quality**

Current ANZMUSC Members (Associate or Full) may be nominated or self-nominate a paper for consideration. Only applications from ANZMUSC members will be accepted. Members may only submit ONE nomination for consideration during each calendar year.

**Eligibility**

The first author must be:

* A member of ANZMUSC
* A member of the OA SIG

**Announcement**

The applicant of the winning paper will be notified on the 25th of October 2023 The winning paper will be announced publicly and recognised at the ANZMUSC Scientific Meeting (24th & 25th October 2023). The winning author is not required to be present in-person to be recognised for the award during the 2023 ANZMUSC Scientific Meeting, however, the winning applicant may be invited to present a brief summary of their work (e.g. in-person, live virtually, recorded video).

**Prize**

The winning author of the Paper of the Year Award will be recognised through an ANZMUSC e-Newsletter and the ANZMUSC social media platforms. They will also receive complimentary registration at the face-to-face ANZMUSC Scientific Meeting in 2024 (or, in the case of inability to hold a face-to-face meeting that year, the next available face-to-face meeting) and a token prize.

**How to nominate a paper**

Current ANZMUSC OA SIG members may self-nominate, or nominate another ANZMUSC member, for consideration by providing the following:

* **A completed nomination form signed by the applicant**
* **A PDF copy of the published paper and any supplementary materials.**

The nomination form can be found below.

**Nominations will close at 5:00pm AEST on Friday, September 8, 2023.** No further nominations will be accepted after the deadline.

Please submit the completed nomination form and the PDF copy of the publication and supplementary materials (with subject ‘ATTENTION: ANZMUSC Award Nomination’) to Helen Ramsay (admin@anzmusc.org).

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| Title of paper |  |
| Citation of the publication & doi |  |
| Date published (electronic or in print) |  |
| Study design |  |
| Does this paper include human participants? |  [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |
| 1st author a member of ANZMUSC OA SIG? |  [ ]  Yes [ ]  No |

**Nomination Form**

Paper nominated by:

Email

Phone

Signature

Date

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| **Summary of Paper (written by nominating author)** |
| Please provide a brief summary of the study and describe the paper according to each of the judging criteria below to warrant recognition as the Osteoarthritis Paper of the Year (minimum 11-pt font; maximum 500 words in total for all four categories of the peer summary): |
| **Summary:**  |
| **Addresses a critical gap or a significant innovation in osteoarthritis** |
| **Reports findings that will have the potential to significantly impact clinical practice, patient outcomes, healthcare delivery and/or health equity** |
| **Uses methods of outstanding quality** |

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| **Lay Summary of Paper (written by nominating author)** |
| Please provide a lay summary describing the paper and how the results are likely to impact patients with osteoarthritis and/or the delivery of osteoarthritis healthcare (minimum 11-pt font; maximum 300 words). This should be suitable for publication on the ANZMUSC website or social media. |
| **Lay Summary:** |

[ ]  A PDF copy of the published paper including any supplementary files is provided with this nomination form.

**DECLARATION FORM**

[ ]  I have read the award guidelines and believe this paper is eligible to be considered for the ANZMUSC OA SIG Osteoarthritis Paper of the Year Award.

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