

January 31, 2025

Dear Dr. Lutz and Dr. Bauer,

Congratulations! On behalf of the AACR, we are delighted to announce that you are the winners of the *Cancer Immunology Research* Award for Outstanding Journal Article, presented to you and your co-authors for the paper entitled, "IL18 Receptor Signaling Regulates Tumor-Reactive CD8⁺ T-cell Exhaustion via Activation of the IL2/STAT5/mTOR Pathway in a Pancreatic Cancer Model," published in the April 2023 journal issue.

The *Cancer Immunology Research* Award for Outstanding Journal Article is awarded to the authors of a *Cancer Immunology Research* article published in 2023–2024 that has had significant impact on the fields represented by the Journal. As the corresponding authors on the paper, we would like to recognize you and your co-authors at the AACR Journals Reception on Saturday, April 26th, at 6:30 PM at the start of the AACR Annual Meeting 2025 in Chicago, Illinois. We invite you to the Journals Reception to accept the Award on behalf of the author team. The Journals Reception will be held at the **Marriott Marquis Chicago** in the Great Lakes Room EF.

Please respond to Christine Battle (christine.battle@aacr.org) by **Friday, February 21st**, to let her know if you will be attending the AACR Journals Reception. If you are not able to attend the Journals Reception, please let us know if you would like to have a co-author accept the Award on your behalf.

If you are attending the AACR Annual Meeting, we would like to videotape one or both of you in an interview setting with our Editorial Director in a dedicated room at the McCormick Place Convention Center on Saturday, April 26th, prior to the AACR Journals Reception. If neither of you are attending the AACR Annual Meeting, we will reach out to you to schedule a time to record the video interview virtually.

Regardless of whether you will join us for the reception, we will be highlighting this Award throughout the AACR Annual Meeting and are therefore requesting that each of you send a **high-resolution (300 dpi) picture of yourself** to Corinne Mooney (corinne.mooney@aacr.org) by **no later than Monday, February 10th**.

We will be sending you a cash prize of \$1,500, which is to be split between you as co-corresponding authors. We will contact you separately to obtain additional information required to process the payment.

Congratulations, again, on being the winners of the *Cancer Immunology Research* Award for Outstanding Journal Article! We look forward to seeing you at the AACR Journals Reception and at the AACR Annual Meeting.

Kind regards,

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Chair, AACR Publications Committee

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