

At the beginning of 2007, the publishers and Editors of Behavioural Pharmacology together with EBPS decided to give a prize for the best paper published in Behavioural Pharmacology the two years prior to our biennial meeting. The members of the Full Committee of the EBPS were approached and most of them were willing to take a place in the selection committee. They were asked to select the best three papers out of the short list (set up by the Editors and the members of the selection committee), based on overall scientific quality. Although such a selection inevitably has an element of subjectivity in it, it was interesting to see that the paper that was finally selected was in the top three papers of all the members of the committee.

The paper which was selected as the best paper in Behavioural Pharmacology 2005/2006 is "*The role of CB1 receptors in sweet versus fat reinforcement: effect of CB1 receptor deletion, CB1 receptor antagonism (SR141716A) and CB1 receptor agonism (CP-55940)*", by S J Ward and LA Dykstra (Behavioural Pharmacology 16, 381-388).

The paper describes the complex role of CB1 receptors in the regulation of sweet and fat reinforcement using a progressive ratio schedule. Thus, whereas both CB1 knock-out mice and wild types treated with a CB1 antagonist showed reduced responding for a sweet solution, CB1 antagonist treatment, but not CB1 knock-out mice showed reduced responding for a fat solution. Although the study can not explain this difference between CB1 antagonists and CB1 knock-out mice with respect to fat intake, it does show that CB1 receptors are especially important for the reinforcing effects of a sweet solution.

The publishers of Behavioural Pharmacology have decided to make this paper freely available to everyone ([link](#)). The EBPS has decided to give a price a 500 Euro to the authors, which includes a donation from the publishers, for their important contribution to the field of behavioural pharmacology. Both the Editors and the EBPS were very pleased with the results of this year's process and have decided to give this prize every two years at the biennial meeting of the Society. We hope this will encourage everyone to send in interesting papers to the journal thereby improving the quality of the journal and furthering the field of behavioural pharmacology as well.

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