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AADOCR Announces Winners of the 2025 AADOCR/CADR Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators

Alexandria, VA – The American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (AADOCR) has announced the winners of the 2025 AADOCR/CADR Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators. The winners were recognized during the Opening Ceremonies of the 54th Annual Meeting of the AADOCR, which was held in conjunction with the 49th Annual Meeting of the Canadian Association for Dental Research, on March 12-15, 2025 in New York, NY.

Candidates presented their research in a public competition on Tuesday, March 11. The two winners of the competition will go on to compete in the IADR Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators at the [2025 IADR/PER General Session](#) & Exhibition in Barcelona, Spain.

The winners are:

First Place – Hiroki Ueharu, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Ectopic X-Chromosome Inactivation Develops Craniofacial Anomalies in a Sex-Independent Manner.

Second Place – Hyuk-Jae (Edward) Kwon, University at Buffalo, NY
Histone Methyltransferase Mll4 Drives Transcriptional Activation and Cell Differentiation in Tooth Development.

First given in 2018, the AADOCR/CADR Joseph Lister Award for New Investigators is managed by AADOCR and supported by Kenvue. It was created to award young investigators in the American and Canadian Divisions of the International Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research (IADR) with original research in oral disease prevention or oral health promotion.

About AADOCR

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