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Dear Dr. Richebé:

On behalf of ANESTHESIOLOGY and the ASA we would like to congratulate you on the selection of your abstract, "**PERI-OPERATIVE FENTANYL ADMINISTRATION INDUCES SPINAL CORD SENSITIZATION IN RAT**" as the prize winner as Best Abstract of the Meeting, Basic Science. Your abstract was chosen from those selected for this Best Abstracts session by a panel of judges including Editors of ANESTHESIOLOGY and scientific leaders in the ASA.

The prize, which will be presented to you at the beginning of the session, is a check for \$1,000. Please plan to be present at the beginning of the session to accept this award. If you will not be present, please let us know in advance who will be presenting your work and could accept the award in your place. The prize does not include free meeting registration or support for travel to the meeting. The ASA Office of Communication may be in touch with you regarding promotion of your award and your research if they choose to issue a Press release in this regard. Any such release would of course only be done with your participation and approval.

Congratulations on receiving this honor in this first year that these awards are being presented. Original research is a key component to the success of the ASA's Annual Meeting and to the development and long term success of our specialty. Thank you for sharing your best work with us.

Sincerely,

Steven Roth, MD
Chair, ASA Scientific Advisory Committee
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