

## Springer Nature- IVS Best Paper Award

The Springer Nature-IVS Best Paper Award has been instituted by the Springer Nature and IVS to recognize and promote quality contributions to academic research and writing among scholars and students who publish papers in *VirusDisease* journal in four major disciplines of Virology viz Medical, Plant and Veterinary and Aquatic Virology.

### General Instructions:

**Eligibility:** All the papers (except letter to the editor) published in the *VirusDisease* journal between 1 January 2021 and 31 December 2022 with the highest number of citations and accesses/downloads till the Dec. 2023, regardless of the status of the first author/authors (scholar, student, educator, policy maker or professional, etc.) are eligible for competition for the Springer Nature-IVS Best Paper Award 2024. The award will be present in the upcoming VIROCON.

\*Please note that once a paper has been awarded, it will not be considered again for the same award.

### Guidelines:

The Scientific Committee will consider innovation, significance to the research community, scientific impact and technical excellence in each discipline of Virology. Letter to the editor will not be considered.

Each paper will be given a score of 0 – 30 (where 0 is the lowest and 30 is the highest score) against each criterion.

Minimum cutoff may be decided by the jury.

Criteria	Scoring criteria	Score/30
<b>A. Originality</b> (maximum 10 points)	a. Original Article: 10 points; b. Short Communication: 5 points; c. Review Article (including Perspective/commentary review): 05 points	
<b>B. Citation</b> (maximum 10 points)	a. Every 5 citation carries 1 point b. Citation in journals impact factor $\geq 10$ to $< 20$ will be given 1 additional point c. Citation in journals impact factor $\geq 20$ will be given 2 additional points.	
<b>C. Accesses/Download</b> (maximum 10 points)	a. Every 100 accesses/ downloads carries 01 point	

### Winners Definition:

The paper receiving the highest score by the Scientific Committee members in each discipline of Virology (Medical, Plant and Veterinary and Aquatic Virology) will be awarded as the Springer Nature-IVS Best Paper Award 2024.

The award consists of a signed and stamped official award certificate with the name of the award, the name of the paper, and the names of the authors of the paper; and the letter of Appreciation from Springer Nature. The award will be presented in the upcoming VIROCON to the corresponding author or their official representative.

The announcement of Springer Nature-IVS Best Paper Award will be displayed on IVS website.