Winners of the RSC-BMCS 11th Capps Green Zomaya Award for Medicinal or Computational Chemistry, 2024



On behalf of the Biological and Medicinal Chemistry Sector of the Royal Society of Chemistry, and the Capps Green Zomaya Memorial Trust, we are delighted to announce that the 11th Capps Green Zomaya Award will be shared jointly by Professor Anna Hirsch and Dr Paul Winship.

Professor Anna Hirsch receives the Award for her work at the Helmholtz Institute for Pharmaceutical Research (Saarland, Germany) on novel approaches targeting multi-drug-resistant pathogens. In particular, the development of synthetic chemistry strategies to optimise activity against vancomycin- and penicillin-resistant pathogens, and the delivery of candidates for clinical evaluation.

Dr Paul Winship receives the Award for his work at the Charles River Laboratories (Chesterford, UK) on the discovery and development of novel candidates for the treatment of muscular dystrophy. In particular, the optimisation of drug-like properties, and new synthetic routes for a series of myosin inhibitors. This work has contributed to the identification of *Sevasemten* which is now undergoing Phase II clinical evaluation.

Each winner will receive a Royal Society of Chemistry medal and certificate, and a cheque for £1500. They have also been invited to give a talk at the annual Eastern England Medicinal Chemistry Symposium (details to be announced).

