

## Wrap up & Outlook

**Save the Date!**

**SSPH+ Annual Meeting 2026**

**University of Fribourg, 23-24 June**



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# “Call for the best published PhD article in public health 2025”

## CALL FOR THE BEST PUBLISHED PHD ARTICLE IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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The Foundation Swiss School of Public Health (SSPH+) is promoting knowledge, skills and competencies in the field of public health. As a part of its effort to strengthen the PhD education in Switzerland, the SSPH+ is awarding the best published PhD article in the field of public health sciences.

### Beneficiaries:

- » PhD students who are registered in the **SSPH+ Inter-university Graduate Campus**

### Requirements:

- » The PhD student is **first author** of the article which is part of his/her PhD thesis
- » The article is of **relevance for public health**
- » The article (written in English) is published in (or accepted by) a **peer-reviewed journal**
- » The date of publication (or acceptance) is between **March 1, 2024 and February 28, 2025**
- » Only **one** article per PhD student will be accepted

### Award:

The winner of the best published PhD article will receive an award of **CHF 2'000.-**.

### Evaluation:

The submission will be evaluated by a panel consisting of experts from international academic public health institutions.



# SSPH+ Award for best published PhD article in public health

## **Since when**

SSPH+ Award “Best published PhD article in public health” started in 2010

## **How many**

Around 330 articles have been reviewed by our jury

## **Who is our jury**

The jury consists of 6 international experts from all over the world. Our thanks go to:

# The Jury - Best published PhD article Award 2025



**Isabelle Romieu**

National Institute of  
Public Health Mexico



**Katarzyna  
Czabanowska**

Department of  
International Health,  
Care and Public  
Health Research  
Institute (CAPHRI),  
Maastricht University



**Alfredo Morabia**

Professor of Clinical  
Epidemiology,  
Departement of  
Epidemiology, Columbia  
University and Queens  
College of City University,  
New York, United States

# The Jury - Best published PhD article Award 2025



**Louise Potvin**

Professor, School of  
Public Health,  
Université de  
Montréal, Canada



**Isabelle  
Durand-Zaleski**

Université de Paris,  
CRESS, INSERM, INRA,  
URCEco, Paris, France

Santé Publique Hôpital  
Henri Mondor, Créteil,  
France



**Ondine von  
Ehrenstein**

Associate Professor of  
Community Health Sciences  
and Epidemiology, Filding  
School of Public Health,  
University of California, Los  
Angeles (UCLA) CA, USA

# The Jury - Best published PhD article Award 2025

## **Number of submissions: 32**

17 Female

15 Male

## **Which Universities:**

BFH	2
SUPSI	1
University of Basel	10
University of Fribourg	1
University of Geneva	5
University of Lausanne	6
University of Lucerne	3
USI	1
University of Zurich	3

# BEST PUBLISHED PHD ARTICLE 2025

## SECOND-RANKED PHD ARTICLES

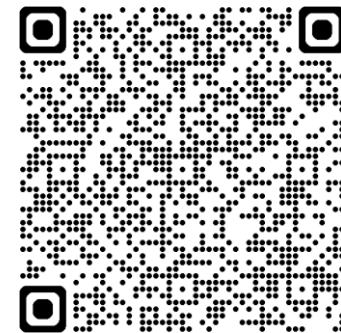


Accelerated biological aging six decades after prenatal famine exposure

Published in: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America (PNAS)

**Mengling Cheng**

Supervisors: Dario Spini, Nicolas Sommet  
University of Lausanne



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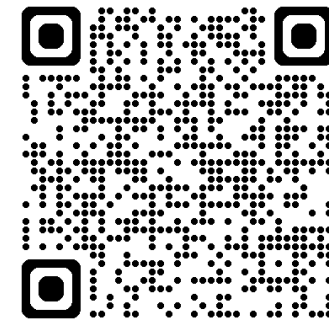


Intensity or volume: the role of physical activity  
in longevity

Published in: European Journal of Preventive  
Cardiology

**Fabian Schwendinger**

Supervisor: Arno Schmidt-Trucksäss  
University of Basel





# BEST PUBLISHED PHD ARTICLE 2025

## SECOND-RANKED PHD ARTICLES



Early assessment of antibodies decline in Chagas patients following treatment using a serological multiplex immunoassay

Published in: Nature Communications

**Ursula Saade**

Supervisor: Pascal Mäser, Claudia  
Daubenberger Swiss TPH, University of Basel



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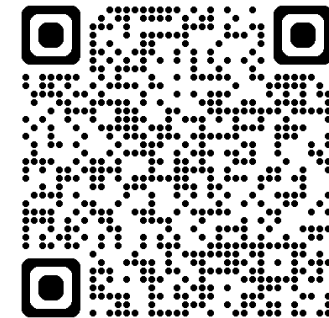


Cost-effectiveness analysis of procalcitonin and lung ultrasonography guided antibiotic prescriptions in primary care

Published in: The European Journal of Health Economics

**Giulio Cisco**

Supervisor: Prof. Joachim Marti  
University of Lausanne



# The Winner of the 2025 SSPH+ Award “Best published PhD article in public health”



Assessing the geographic and socioeconomic determinants of vaccine coverage in Ethiopia: A spatial and multistage analysis at the district level

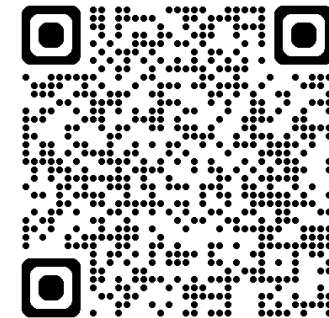
Published in: Vaccine / January 2025

**Tom Forzy (first rank)**

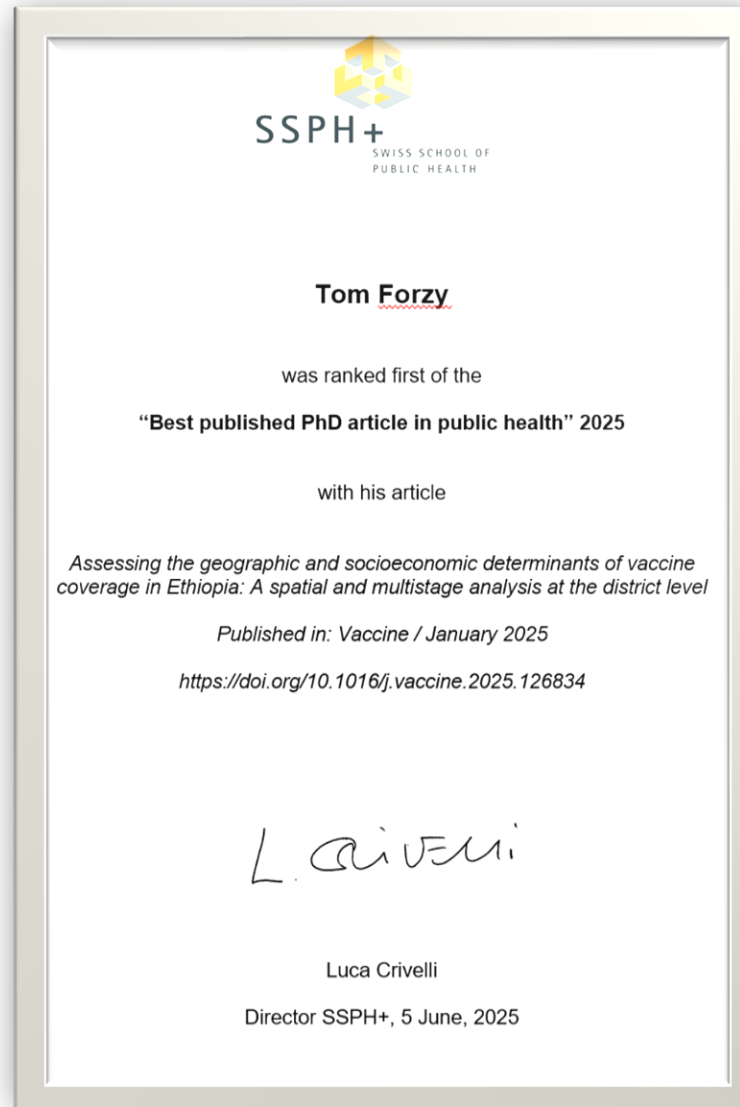
PhD supervisor: Milo Puhan

Principal study investigator: Stéphane Verguet

University of Zurich



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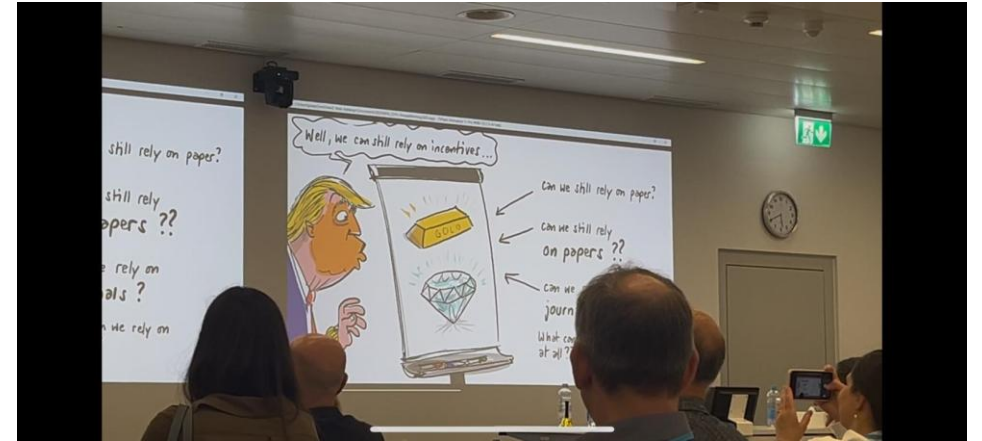
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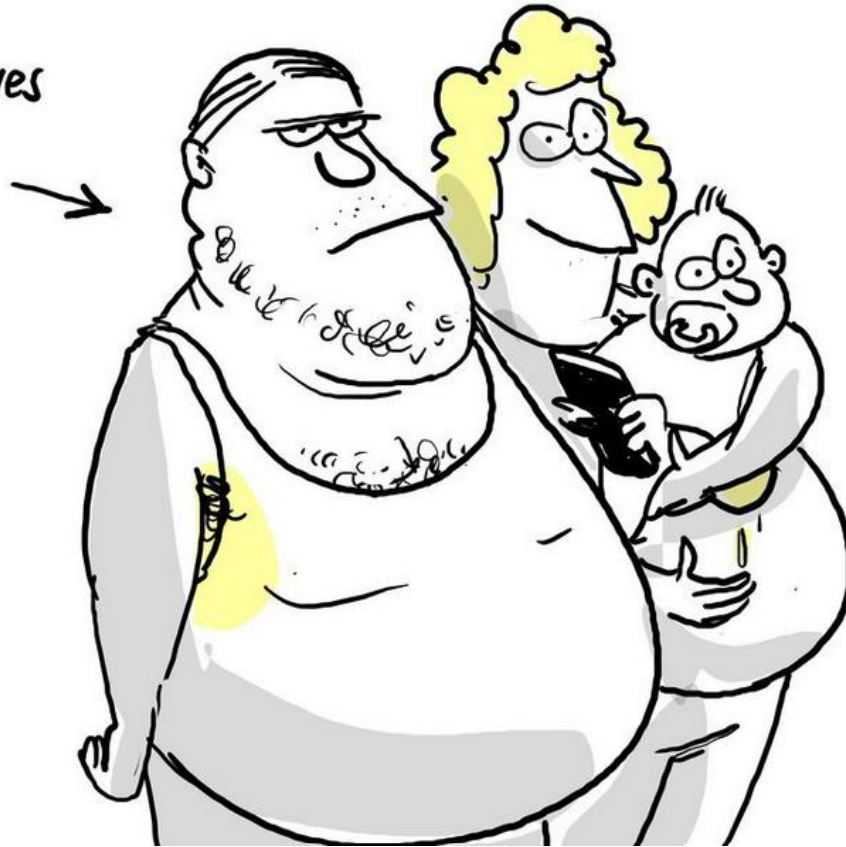
# Thank you very much!



**More to come!**  
**See you next year!**

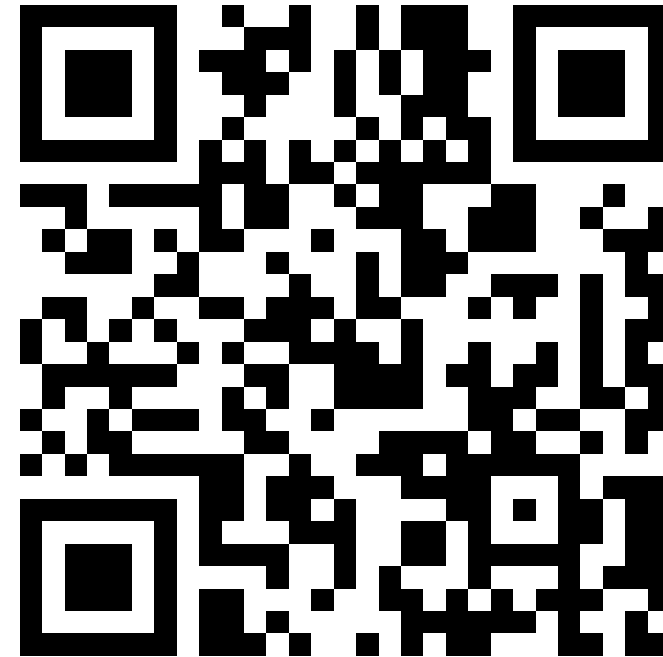
Not so bright people

representatives  
of the  
Swiss  
cohort





**... & see you next year!**



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