**Assessment for:**

**The Marcello Costa Award is presented annually for the best publication on neural regulation of organs by an early career researcher member of the Society. Areas of research relevant to this Award include studies on central or peripheral autonomic regulation of specific organs or organ systems, and visceral sensory (including nociceptive) innervation of these organs.**

#### ****Conditions****

* The Award is to be made for a first or senior author (including joint first or senior authors) publication based on research completed on neural regulation of organs, as a Ph.D. student (or equivalent) or postdoctoral researcher and published within 3 years of the attainment of their Ph.D. degree (or equivalent), considering career disruptions (as long as evidence of these is provided). Joint first or senior author publications will also be considered.
* \*The application must refer to a peer-reviewed publication with an electronic or hard publication date (whichever is the earliest) in the year previous to the current one as indicated on the published manuscript. This includes “Advance publication” or “Publication ahead of print” dates. Dates of submissions of manuscripts to pre-print servers are not considered. Any paper will only be considered for this award once.
* A publication nominated for the Marcello Costa Award cannot also be nominated for the Mark Rowe Award or the Paxinos-Watson Award.
* **Applicants must be Members of ANS at the time of application and at the time the Award is presented.**

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* Applicants must be Members of ANS.
* There is no application form. Applications should include: Evidence of the date of award of the applicant’s PhD degree; A PDF copy of the publication; A short statement (maximum 2 pages) of the publication's significance including a detailed description of the applicant’s contribution to the research conducted.
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**Assessment**

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**Please rank the applicants/nominees by entering numbers in the table below in the column under your name. Highest rank = 1, lowest rank = <Insert No.>.** **You must rank all applicants, even if you find some to be ineligible, and you cannot give an identical rank to multiple applicants.**

In your ranking consider:

* The recommendations of the **Declaration on Research Assessment (DORA)** available at <https://sfdora.org/read/> In particular:

“…the need to assess research on its own merits rather than on the basis of the journal in which the research is published; and …

“Do not use journal-based metrics, such as Journal Impact Factors, as a surrogate measure of the quality of individual research articles, to assess an individual scientist’s contributions, or in hiring, promotion, or funding decisions.”

* The **proportional contribution** of the applicant to the research described in the paper.
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I declare that I have no conflicts of interest in this assessment process and that the ranking shown above was performed by me.

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