This newsletter features Juan Carlos Cardet, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Medicine, who was selected by the American Lung Association as a recipient of the July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 American Lung Association ALA-AAAAI Allergic Respiratory Diseases Award for his project titled: “Effects of RGS Pathway Polymorphisms on Airway Smooth Muscle Phenotype and Asthma Severity.”

**From Dr. Cardet:**

The American Lung Association (ALA) and the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology (AAAAI) combined to create the Allergic Respiratory Diseases Research Award ($75,000/year for two years). It is awarded to a junior faculty member in the field of allergy and immunology to advance the understanding of allergic respiratory diseases.

I applied for this award to extend work on the relationship between genetic variation in the Regulator of G Protein Coupled Receptor Signaling (RGS) pathway and severe asthma through cell-based and genomics studies. The goal is to find genetic markers in the RGS pathway to determine if there are new, existing or better therapies that work, especially in subjects with these markers.

The Divisions of Allergy and Immunology, Departments of Medicine and Pediatrics, congratulate Dr. Cardet for this wonderful achievement!

With warm regards,

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