Congratulations to this year's Nobel Prize winners!

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This year's Nobel Prize winners have recently been announced, and we're delighted to see such a range of techniques being recognized.

The prize for medicine went to James P Allison and Tasuko Honjo, for discovering how to switch off brakes on the immune system, which led to the development of cancer immunotherapies. It is excellent to see basic research translating into something so impactful.

The chemistry prize went to three researchers producing new enzymes and antibodies. Frances H Arnold's work has been integral in the development of enzymes for use in biofuels and pharmaceuticals, while Gregory P Winter and George P Smith have been recognized for their work on phage display. This has helped in the development of various medicines.

The physics prize went to Arthur Ashkin, who invented optical tweezers, and Gerard Mourou and Donna Strickland for 'chirped pulse amplification'. Both of these techniques have applications in the biological sciences.

We're delighted to have seen many of these techniques utilized in *BioTechniques'* publications over the years, and look forward to seeing both them and others continue to take the dangerous road from basic laboratory technique to real-world applied science.

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