



A top researcher with the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research, Associate Professor Kevin Pflieger, has been honoured by his inclusion in a new publication launched by the Minister for Mental Health and Ageing, Mark Butler.

The booklet, which is entitled “10 of the best research projects 2010”, profiles the advances made by ten of Australia’s leading researchers, who are all working to improve health. It has been written for the general public to demonstrate the benefits of research resulting from public investment.

Associate Professor Pflieger’s research has been funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council through the University of Western Australia. He is head of Molecular Endocrinology at the Western Australian Institute for Medical Research.

The “Ten of the Best” publication describes Associate Professor Pflieger as a “Young entrepreneur: Helping cells take their medicine”. His research focuses on a group of proteins (G protein coupled receptors) that regulate how cells respond to hormones and neurotransmitters, with the goal of improving the body’s response to drugs, increasing effectiveness and reducing side effects.

(LEFT) ASSOC. PROFESSOR KEVIN PFLEGER

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