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We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped in launching this new journal. We are also grateful to all our Editorial board members who provided us with a lot of support and advice, and who will continue to support us in the coming years. All of them are established researchers in their field and we are sure that their international reputation and great expertise in the field of Bioinformatics will have a significant contribution in shaping up IJCIBSB as a reputed international journal. IJCIBSB also relies on their expertise for selecting the best papers for publication. We are honoured and fortunate to work with a strong technical editorial board.

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