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I want to take a moment to say "Thank you" to Dr. Aliakbar M. Haghighi, as he has transferred the position of Editor-in-Chief to me. He has worked tirelessly and diligently to make this journal as successful as it is, and he will continue to oversee the further success of the journal. I am grateful for his trust and his tutelage.

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Sincerely,

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