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Foreword

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I extend my sincere gratitude to the authors, reviewers, and the editorial team for their dedication and scholarly commitment. Their efforts ensure the continued academic integrity and relevance of the journal. I am confident that the research presented in this issue will inspire future scholarship and contribute constructively to the advancement of knowledge and society.

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