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## Foreword

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Welcome the inaugural issue of the International Journal of Translational Science. The editors, along with the River publisher, believe that the time is right for the international society to have forum of translational science. Drs Rameshwar and Banerjee are the founding editors in chief. Together, they will manage the scientific content of the journal until an international search is conducted for an editor.

The journal will focus on multi- and inter-disciplinary subjects with direct relevance to translation. Stem cells are at a cross road on the method, type and disease model to benefit patients. The journal will have a section devoted to this topic. Since key techniques are generally unpublished, scientists spend considerable time to develop the same techniques, which delay the translation of the science to patients. To this end, the journal will have a section on lab techniques.

It is our aim to convince the general scientific audience that this is not just another new journal but a much needed one in the field of translational science. Our mission statement is to promote international collaborations in translational science with special emphasis on interdisciplinary science. Our first issue will select articles to reflect the goals of the journal, and will include the opinion of leaders in the field of translational science. We hope that by introducing this new medium of communication, along with an excellent scientific board, we will encourage sound and timely scientific papers for a wide audience.

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