I’m taking this opportunity to thank the many people who have supported me in my tenure as your Editor-in-Chief, as this is my last editorial before retirement. Bittersweet, definitely, as I have grown professionally and personally through my associations with so many talented and kind individuals. I know they will pass this forward to my successor, Dr. Lauren Haldeman, as she assumes the role of Editor-in-Chief in 2023.

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I have not forgotten all of our authors and readers — may this group continue to grow globally!

Respectfully,

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