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## INTRODUCTION

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In response to a call for papers, 20 submissions were received and each paper was rigorously reviewed anonymously for quality and originality by 6–9 reviewers. The review process for the papers co-authored by the Guest Editors was handled independently by the journal's Editor-in-Chief. Five papers from five different countries that met the high

standards of the journal were finally approved for publication in the special issue after each undergoing three rounds of reviews.

We are grateful to the Editor-in-Chief for his encouragement and assistance in producing this special issue. We also sincerely thank the many reviewers of the submitted papers for their in-depth reviews and constructive contributions.

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