Editorial

Editorial: Launch of *Bioinformatics Methods and Applications*

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We are delighted to announce the launch of *Bioinformatics Methods and Applications* (*BMA*), a new open-access, peer-reviewed journal committed to advancing the field of bioinformatics through the dissemination of innovative methodologies and the promotion of reproducible data analysis practices.

Bioinformatics continues to evolve rapidly, driven by the increasing scale and complexity of biological data. Yet, while biological discoveries often take center stage, the methodological foundations that enable these insights frequently remain underreported or overlooked. *BMA* addresses this gap by providing a dedicated platform for sharing robust, transparent, and impactful bioinformatics methods.

The journal welcomes original manuscripts that present new algorithms, computational pipelines, statistical models, or software tools that significantly enhance the analysis, interpretation, or visualization of biological data. Equally, we recognize the value of methodologically rigorous data analyses that complement published biological studies or that analyze previously unpublished datasets. For published studies, such articles offer a comprehensive account of the bioinformatics work underpinning the biological findings - often more detailed than space permits in the original publication.

BMA invites submissions across the full spectrum of bioinformatics, including but not limited to:

- Genomics and transcriptomics
- Proteomics, metabolomics, and metagenomics
- Epigenomics and structural bioinformatics
- Systems and computational biology
- Evolutionary bioinformatics and phylogenetics
- Biomedical and clinical informatics
- Applications of AI and machine learning in bioinformatics

We are currently accepting manuscripts for our inaugural issue. We also welcome expressions of interest from researchers at all career stages who wish to join our editorial board and contribute to shaping the direction of the journal.

By building a community centered on methodological excellence, transparency, and open science, *Bioinformatics Methods and Applications* seeks to support and accelerate the development of reliable and scalable bioinformatics research. We look forward to your contributions.

Conflicts of Interest

The author declares no conflict of interest.