

Editorial

It is a pleasure to present the first issue of *BioMolecular Concepts*. This new, peer-reviewed journal aims to provide rapid publication of novel and important insights into current developments in biomolecular research, including cellular and molecular biology, biochemistry, genetics, epigenetics, neurosciences and developmental biology.

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We hope that you enjoy reading the first issue of *BioMolecular Concepts* and encourage you to contact the Editors-in-Chief or the Editorial Office (biomol.concepts.editorial@degruyter.com) with any remarks/questions/comments you might have.

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