Introduction

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It is a great pleasure for us to organise this special issue in *International Journal of Biomedical Engineering and Technology* published by Inderscience Publishers. In recent years, computational bioscience has been at the cusp of significant innovations that guarantee highly affordable, advanced and smarter healthcare facilities for people across the globe. With data science and analytics fields gaining a lot of attention and investment, brighter days lie ahead for bioscience – the seamless and spontaneous combination of biology and computational techniques. Furthermore, clouds are being positioned as best-in-class IT infrastructures for all kinds of biological experimentation, searching, processing, ingestion, storage and visualisation.

This special issue aims to present a variety of related research contributions to empower future biologists and physicians with bioinformatics tools and analysis methods, including technological advancements, newer tools, techniques and tips, best practices, key metrics and healthcare processes. Our objective is to share value-adding contributions from researchers and scholars across the globe, particularly on the significant impacts of the convergence of bioscience and computational methods.

The scope of this special issue focuses on integrating the recent advances in the field of medical applications. The review process for all papers was rigorous and thorough, including peer-reviewing from at least three experts for each paper. A total of 95 papers were submitted for this special issue and after a stringent peer-review process, only 12 papers were selected. Specifically, this special issue discusses the various stages of biomedical problems such as biomedical signal processing, biological image computing, pattern recognition, visualisation and interaction, classification and brain–computer interface. It is wonderful to introduce these special issue papers to the global researchers through *IJBET*.

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