

The science we need: United, free from politics and ideology, borderless, and dynamic

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It is a privilege to welcome you to the inaugural volume of *The Innovation Insights*. This journal was born of a simple conviction: science thrives when it is open, interdisciplinary, and devoted to the pursuit of truth. In a world that grows ever more fragmented, we need venues that bring us together—not as representatives of ideologies, institutions, or nations, but as scientists.

Nature knows no disciplines. The borders between physics and chemistry, biology and materials science, mathematics and engineering are human inventions; nature does not respect them. Some of the most exciting breakthroughs of our time—from CRISPR and quantum computing to AI-driven drug discovery and the design of new materials—have emerged precisely where disciplines meet. *The Innovation Insights* is committed to being a home for such work, as well as for research that fits comfortably within a single field. The primary criteria are simple: scientific excellence and significance (Figure 1).

Science knows no borders, and it must never bow to ideology. We are witnessing a troubling trend: the politicization of science, ideological litmus tests, and the suppression of findings that do not fit a preferred narrative. This is not merely a threat to academic freedom; it is a betrayal of science itself. The impartial search for truth is the soul of our profession. Once we allow politics or ideology to dictate what can be studied or published—or which scientists may be barred from publishing because of their nationality—we cease to be faithful to science. *The Innovation Insights* and its sister journals reject this categorically. We evaluate manuscripts solely on their scientific merit. We welcome authors from every country and background. We do not consider your passport, politics, or personal beliefs—only the quality of your science. In this, we stand with The Innovation family of journals: our only loyalty is to the truth.

Science must be ready for new ways. The core format of scientific



Figure 1. United in the pursuit of truth, scientists embrace intellectual freedom and interdisciplinary collaboration to open new horizons of discovery.

communication—the journal article—has changed less than the pace of discovery itself. We need faster publication, more dynamic formats, and a willingness to experiment. *The Innovation Insights* is committed to rapid turnaround and continuous innovation in how we share knowledge. We welcome proposals for new formats, including open peer review, interactive

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Science is a global commons. Let us protect it together.

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