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Charles Robert Darwin was born on February 12th, 1809 A.D (ref. 1). This new journal, **iDarwin**, was named with our great respect after him. Incidentally, Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of United States of America, was born on that same day (ref. 2). We therefore would like to apply his famous triplet during his address at Gettysburg (ref. 3) for this new journal:

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