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Many years ago, when I worked at The Pennsylvania State University (USA), my friend, Professor Zong-Ming (Max) Cheng, Chief Editor and founder of Maximum Academic Press invited me to initiate a statistics journal under the sponsorship of his publisher. I was pleased to accept his invitation immediately, because I found that future science cannot exist without data and statistics.

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