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Today we launch first issue of *Annals Open* with a handful of high-quality papers to focus on the topics of current and international interest. We dedicate this inaugural issue to the surgical community—dedicated authors and researchers, tireless reviewers, and enthusiastic readers. Our aim is to serve our community by publishing highly impactful content, efficiently and quickly.

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