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We do hope that you have found the articles published throughout the year in *Drug Safety* to be interesting and informative. The editorial schedule for 2021 is well under way, and we are looking forward to bringing you many high-quality and authoritative articles over the coming year. I thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes,
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