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Dynamic Medicine: the start of a new online journal

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exercise physiology, and sports medicine in health and disease.

Dynamic medicine will encompass scientific studies that evaluate human function in both health and disease. This includes mechanistic clinical studies, studies of human physiology, and methodological studies that improve our ability to evaluate human function.

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Contents

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