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To whom it may concern:

It is with great enthusiasm that we submit an original research article entitled “A Distributed Infrastructure for Drug Effect Discovery Using Spontaneous Reporting Systems” for consideration in the Pacific Symposium on Biocomputing 2018. We confirm that the work is original and has not been published elsewhere. We request that our submission be considered for the “Challenges of Pattern Recognition in Biomedical Data” due to the emphasis on computational methods with large-scale datasets.

All co-authors agree with the contents of the article. The corresponding author can be reached by e-mail: [r.vanguri@columbia.edu](mailto:r.vanguri@columbia.edu).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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