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Dear colleagues:

Division of Biostatistics at the OSU College of Public Health is pleased to support the joint course proposal by my colleague Dr. Greg Rempala and Dr. Helen Chamberlin from the Department of Molecular Genetics in the College of Arts and Sciences. This 2-credit advanced undergraduate/graduate course, entitled "Introduction to Genomic Data Analysis", is truly interdisciplinary and it combines the cutting edge statistical and computational methodology and current thinking in Molecular Genetics. It will be team-taught by two senior researchers Professors Rempala and Chamberlin, and I expect it to enhance the learning opportunities for our Biostatistics PhD students (in picking up new ideas from Molecular Genetics) and advanced undergraduate students (in providing an introduction to the latest statistical and software tools available).

I am glad to note that, outside of our natural collaborators from the Department of Statistics, this is the first interdisciplinary team-taught course that one of our colleagues is able to develop. As such it breaks new grounds in our interdisciplinary research capabilities and is highly welcome. The Division will be happy to incorporate this course in its Spring 2015 course offerings.

I hope your respective curriculum committees will provide support to this proposal. Please feel free to contact me if can be of further help in the process. I can be reached by email at nagaraja.1@osu.edu.

Sincerely,

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