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 - Article should be a piece of scientific importance.
 - The manuscript must be scientifically and technically robust.
 - Authors must have supplied all necessary data and information and described methods in sufficient detail. Results must be interpreted appropriately and support the conclusions deduced.
 - The manuscript is appropriately written and includes appropriate references.
 - Authors maintain high standards of research integrity. Appropriate consent forms, ethics committee/institutional review board clearances etc. have been obtained.
 - Authors must disclose competing interests, sources of funding and contribution made by each author.
 - The manuscript follows appropriate guidelines for that type of study.
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4. Unless under exceptional circumstances, we will not ask our Editorial Board members to review more than 6 manuscripts per year.
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