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- Title page (Title, Authors, Affiliations, Conflicts of interest, Institutions, Orcid and Correspondence information);
- Main document [Abstract, Descriptors, Introduction, Material and Methods, Results (including Tables, Charts, Graphs, and Figures), Discussion, and Conclusion] (word count \leq 3000);
- Acknowledgements, Collaborations, References, and Appendices.

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