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The Abstract should be followed by no more than 8 key words (index terms). Title words can be repeated if considered key words.

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The Introduction should not provide a review of the area of work but should introduce the reader to the aims and context for the work described

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The Results should be restricted to a factual account of the results obtained and the text should not duplicate information given in the Tables and Figures although it can complement it. Give details of the statistics including the test used, sample size, degrees of freedom and the probability level. E.g. ANOVA: $F_{3,17}=108$, $P<0.0001$; $\chi^2_{16}=1190.6$, $P<0.0001$; Wilcoxon test: $Z=2.5$, $N=18$, $P=0.011$; Spearman rank correlation: $r_s=0.11$, $N=25$, $P=0.581$

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The Discussion section should include a concise statement of the principal findings, a discussion of the validity of the observations, a discussion of the findings in the light of other published works dealing with the same subject and a discussion of the significance of the work.

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