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- Use gender-inclusive language; do not use masculine pronouns to refer to people in general
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 - an informative journal title
 - fully descriptive and clear abstracts
 - keywords
 - complete references
 - full contact information for at least one author for each article.
2. **ABSTRACT.** Each article must have a clear and fully descriptive abstract, acceptable for inclusion in databases such as (specify, give link). This abstract should help the reader decide easily if the article will help him/her or not. The abstract should have a maximum of 1500-2000 characters and should include:
 - information on study objectives
 - brief descriptions of subjects
 - methodology used
 - results and conclusions or implications derived from it.
3. **LITERATURE REVIEW.** There must be a section that reviews relevant scientific literature that led to the formulation of the study objectives or hypotheses. This section must reflect a good knowledge about the “state of the art” of research in the field of study. The literature review has to answer the following areas:
 - How the study fits in with existing literature and its potential novelty
 - What the study adds to the existing knowledge in the field
4. **STUDY OBJECTIVES / HYPOTHESES.** Research question and/or objectives/hypotheses need to flow logically from the literature review.
5. **FUNDING SOURCES.** Where possible, information about funding sources for the research should be presented.
6. **METHODOLOGY.** The methodology section needs to give a description of the sample used and of the procedure employed for the research. It also needs to describe and explain the choice of methods, their adequacy for the objectives pursued, the philosophy of research and the researchers’ position in the context of research.
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8. **DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS** (these can be one or two separate sections). Authors are expected to discuss the implications of their results in terms of contributions to existing knowledge and recommendations for practice or applications where appropriate. Special attention should be paid to the limitations of research. The connections between theoretical framework, research objectives, methodology, and results and conclusions should be coherent and easily identifiable