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Word Limit: 4000 words in main body of text
Abstract: 250 word limit; Structure as follows: Background, Methods, Results, Conclusions
Main Text: Structure as follows: Introduction, Methods and Materials, Results, Discussion
Tables/Figures: No limit, as needed
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Tables/Figures: Maximum of two
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- Cover letter
- Manuscript
  - Title page
  - Abstract
  - Main text of article
  - Acknowledgments
  - Disclosures
  - References
  - Legends for tables and figures
- Tables
- Figures
- Supplemental Information

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- Six keywords

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Provide a brief title and legend for each figure and table. For multi-part figures, describe each panel. Avoid duplicating information in the figure/table legends that is already presented in the Methods and Materials or Results sections.

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**Nomenclature**

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