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Review Process

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- Timely and constructive reviews
- Specific and extensive directions (when necessary) for revising a manuscript
- A decision to either accept or reject a manuscript as early as possible in the review process

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- Offer fundamentally new insights that advance the field
- Be literature-based and scholarly
- Demonstrate conceptual rigor
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