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KEY INSTRUCTIONS

	RESEARCH ARTICLE	META-ANALYSIS	REVIEW ARTICLE
Word limit	< 8000 words		16000 words
Formatting	Times 11 ; 1.5 spacing, lines numbered		
Novelty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • should be clearly explained in the cover letter, the abstract, the end of the Results and Discussion section; the Conclusion section • should be stated precisely and objectively, for example using “Here we show for the first time that ...”, or “This is the first...”. 		The interest of the review should be clearly explained in the cover letter and the abstract
Title	Short and informative, highlighting the novelty and the result of the study	Should end by “. A meta-analysis”	Should end by “. A review”
Abstract	< 300 words Should present: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Background/issues/hypothesis 2. Experimental 3. Results/novelty 		< 300 words Should present: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Background/issues 2. Major advances and interest of the review
Sections	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. Materials and methods 3. Results and discussion 4. Conclusion 		Contents <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction 2. First section (no IMRAD structure) X. Conclusion
Results and discussion	A combined Results and Discussion section should be preferred		Not applicable
Figures and tables	< 8 . Figures should be preferred.	Not limited but total number should be justified	Not limited but total number should be justified
	Tables should preferably fit on one page		
	The introduction should include a color photo, named “Figure 1”, highlighting the main topic of the article		
Declarations	All manuscripts must contain the following sections under the heading 'Declarations', to be placed before ‘References’: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding (information that explains whether and by whom the research was supported) • Conflicts of interest/Competing interests (include appropriate disclosures) • Ethics approval (include appropriate approvals or waivers) • Consent to participate (include appropriate statements) • Consent for publication (include appropriate statements) • Availability of data and material (data transparency) • Code availability (software application or custom code) • Authors' contributions (include appropriate statements) 		
References	Must contain the DOI		
Supplementary material	The need for supplementary material section must be justified in the cover letter. Data should be preferably deposited in a repository		

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