Type	Review	Description
Original Research Paper	Double-blind	'Original Research Paper' (formerly 'Original Paper') is the main category of articles published in NanoEthics. An 'Original Research Paper' presents results of novel academic research. 'Original Research Papers' should have a minimum length of approx. 5000 words and a maximum length of approx. 15000 words. NanoEthics treats review papers as 'Original Research Papers', as long as they significantly contribute to progress in a field of study, for example by means of presenting a concise overview and a new interpretation of the state of the art in the given field of study.
Discussion Note	Double-blind	The article category 'Discussion Note' (formerly 'Critical Discussion Notes') is a key element of our journal, since NanoEthics aims to be a forum for open discussion about all kinds of aspects of science and technology in society. 'Discussion Notes' are rather short (approx. 2000-5000 words), "essayistic" pieces, which can but do not need to be polemical. They are peer-reviewed with a view to their merits as thought-provoking essays that are relevant to ongoing or may stimulate new discussions, and with respect to such qualities as wit (esprit) as well as the usual quality criteria of academic publications (such as consistency, originality etc.).
Brief Communication	Double-blind, plus editorial review	A 'Brief Communication' is an article of not more than approx. 2500 words which reports on new, including preliminary, research results deemed by the EiC to be of utmost importance to the NanoEthics readership. The peer review of a 'Brief Communication' is double-blind. If the EiC decides that its publication is very urgent, it may entail only one non-editorial review, and not, as usual, two of them, but in both cases combined with an editorial review."
Art-Science Interaction	At the discretion of the Editor-in-Chief (EiC)	While other article categories (such as 'Original Research Paper' or 'Discussion Note') may also be used for submissions about or at the interfaces of art, literature, science, and technology, NanoEthics also provides the article category 'Art-Science Interaction'. This category is primarily intended for artistic interventions and works at art-science-technology interfaces that do not correspond to any of the other article categories. The article category 'Art-Science Interaction' can, for example, be used for largely visual presentations of artistic work, or for fictional texts such as poems or short stories. Submissions to the 'Art-Science Interaction' category are reviewed by the EiC. Additional reviewers or advisers can be involved at the discretion of the EiC.
Editorial	At the discretion of the EiC	Issues of NanoEthics often include an 'Editorial' by the EiC in which contributions to the issue are introduced and other matters concerning the journal are discussed. In an 'Editorial', the EiC may also discuss any topic relevant to the NanoEthics readership. In particular in the latter case, the EiC may ask others, usually from the editorial team or advisory board of NanoEthics, to review the 'Editorial'. This article category can only be used by the EiC, or by other NanoEthics editors at the invitation of the EiC.
Interview	At the discretion of the EiC	Anyone may propose to the EiC the publication of an interview on topics of interest to the NanoEthics readership. The length of an interview may be anything up to ~15000 words, but the EiC may agree to even longer submissions. Interviews are reviewed by the EiC. Additional reviewers or advisers may be involved at the discretion of the EiC.
Manifesto	At the discretion of the EiC	Anyone may propose to the EiC the publication of a manifesto on topics of interest to the NanoEthics readership. The length of a manifesto may be anything up to ~15000 words, but the EiC may agree to longer submissions. Manifestos are reviewed by the EiC and usually, in a double-blind manner, by at least one more editor or an advisory board member.
Introduction	At the discretion of the EiC	An 'Introduction' introduces a Special Section. Special Sections may be published in one issue or in up to three consecutive issues of NanoEthics. If the Special Section is published in two or three issues of NanoEthics, the 'Introduction' is always published in the first issue in which the Special Section is featured. In the running text, an 'Introduction' always provides at least brief information on all contributions to the Special Section. 'Introductions' can but

		do not need to provide a substantial overview on the state of the art and discussions on the topic of the Special Section and may provide further reflections on them. Accordingly, it can but does not have to include a list of references. Only the guest editors of the Special Section are invited to submit an 'Introduction' to it. 'Introductions' are reviewed by the EiC. Additional reviewers or advisers may be involved at the discretion of the EiC.
Invited Contribution	At the discretion of the EiC	The article category 'Invited Contribution' mainly serves to publish articles whose authors are invited by the EiC to submit a text on a specific topic that the EiC deems crucial with respect to issues dealt with in NanoEthics. Authors of 'Invited Contributions' will typically either work outside academia or be emeritus researchers and scholars. Unlike articles of other categories, the published articles do not need to be based on more recent manuscripts, as long as they are—for example due to their historical significance—relevant for current research and discussions. 'Invited Contributions' may also be translations of works previously published in languages other than English, as long as these works are landmark or important but internationally largely unknown studies. The article category 'Invited Contribution' can only be used at the invitation of the EiC. 'Invited Contributions' are reviewed by the EiC. Additional reviewers or advisers may be involved at the discretion of the EiC.
Letter	At the discretion of the EiC	Letters to the Editor are short contributions of not more than ~2000 words and can serve a variety of purposes. A 'Letter' can, for example, draw attention to a major problem in a field of science, technology, or scholarly research relevant to the NanoEthics readership in a concise way, provide a short refutation of statements made in NanoEthics (for longer refutations, see the article category 'Response'), or comment on crucial current developments relevant to research and innovation systems or to the role of science and technology in society (including, for example, political developments). A 'Letter' does not include a list of references but may mention publications in the running text.
Response	At the discretion of the EiC	'Response' is an Article Category of our journal that gives those criticised in NanoEthics room for a substantial, detailed refutation. (For short refutations, the article category 'Letter' might be more appropriate. Since it is not usually possible to publish a 'Response' to a 'Response', the category 'Letter' may also be used to respond to a 'Response' to one's own article.) Anyone criticised in an article published in NanoEthics is welcome to submit a 'Response' of up to approx. 5000 words. The response can point out inconsistencies in the published article, highlight further information, and may include a list of references. 'Responses' are reviewed by the EiC. Additional reviewers or advisers may be involved at the discretion of the EiC. If individuals other than those criticised in a NanoEthics article want to submit a refutation, they are asked to use the article category 'Discussion Note'.
Anecdote	Editorial review	'Anecdotes' are short (up to approx. 2000 words) and often amusing accounts of an incident or event of an interesting nature. NanoEthics is open to publishing 'Anecdotes' if they can shed light on the history of, or the current state of affairs and open questions in, the fields of science and technology relevant to the NanoEthics readership, including the fields of scholarly research on science and technology present in the journal. The decision to publish an 'Anecdote' is taken by the EiC, who may seek advice from other members of the editorial team. 'Anecdotes' published in NanoEthics need to be based on the personal memory of the authors and shall not include explicit or implicit ad hominem attacks. Even if the personal memory is not entirely accurate, we deem such anecdotes relevant as a means for the authors, and perhaps others, to make sense of the fields they are working in or on.

Book Review	Editorial review	Book reviews in NanoEthics usually have a length of approx. 2000-3000 words. The decisions to invite book reviewers and to accept book reviews for publication are taken by the EiC or by a NanoEthics editor in charge of the book review section. Everyone, including publishers and authors of the books in question, is welcome to propose a book review to the journal. Book reviews should however not be submitted without invitation, so please consult with the EiC in case you want to propose one.
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