Manuscripts Format Requirements

1. Article types

● Original research

Original research is the main article type published by us. It mainly includes hypothesis, background study, methods, results, interpretation of findings, and a discussion of possible implications.

● Review

Review articles provide a critical and constructive analysis of existing published literature in a field, through summary, analysis, and comparison, often identifying specific gaps or problems and providing recommendations for future research.

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Comment is a very flexible format. Comments may be about policy, science and society or purely scientific questions. The main criterion is that they should immediately interest journal readers and be written in a straightforward, untechnical style.

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These are author's personal opinions on a subject or topic. Unlike review articles, perspectives articles may cover a more specific, narrow part of the field. However, these are still required to uphold the spirit of academia to be objective as well as aim to initiate or further discussions.

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2. Format Requirements

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Please provide an abstract of 150 to 250 words to summarize the content as well as its significance. The abstract should not contain any undefined abbreviations or unspecified references.

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[4] Simons NE, Menzies B, Matthews M. *A Short Course in Soil and Rock Slope Engineering*. London: Thomas Telford Publishing; 2001.

[5] Carr I, Kidner R. *Statutes and conventions on international trade law*. 4th ed. London: Cavendish; 2009.

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