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Letters to the editor: 600 words and no more than 10 references (no figures or tables).

Commentaries: up to 1200 words, 15 references and one single column table or figure.

Issues and Opinions: up to 3000 words, 20 references and 1 table or single column figures, if needed. A short abstract is required.

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