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Thu, Sep 3, 2020 at 10:25 AM

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Dear Authors,

Thank you for your interest in our journal and for the submission of this timely topic.

I will be the handling editor for this journal. We have conducted an editorial desk review of the submission and have decided to proceed with our peer review process.

Please know that we will try to ensure a speedy turnaround on the review.

In the meantime, if you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks, Micah

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Thu, Oct 29, 2020 at 2:05 PM

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Dear Authors.

Reviewer 1 has two remaining clarifications

Reviewer 2 is ok for publication.

I have also conducted some copy editing to the draft to improve some of the language. Please review and feel free to change or disregard.

One question: for the title did you mean "What lies ahead" or "What lies ahead?" with question mark?

Please fix this quickly so that we can publish immediately.

Congrats, and Thanks! Micah

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