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4. Literature cited, in alphabetical order
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6. Tables
7. Figures and captions

Manuscript Guidelines

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BOOK:

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