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Manuscripts should be written in standard English and with consistent spelling. Spelling should be checked electronically using the English UK spell check function. In particular care should be taken not to confuse English and American spellings, for example 'Organisation' should be used rather than 'Organization'.

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Articles may be divided into subsections using standard numbering rather than roman numerals. Sub-sections may be further sub-divided using decimal points, e.g. 1, 1.1, 1.2, 1.3...etc.

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1.1
1.1.1
1.1.2
1.1.3

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Articles in footnotes should be cited in the following way:

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