

# Editorial

- 1 The first two issues of the Journal will, exceptionally, be composed of invited contributions, and will contain two articles of more than normal length. Subsequent issues will be peer-reviewed, and contain four/five articles of up to 7500 words.

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