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Inspiration: A method, a result, a case, an undergraduate project

Do's and Don'ts

Do

- ✓ Read the formatting information and guidelines in the instructions for authors
- ✓ Check spelling and grammar
- ✓ Ask a colleague to read your article
- ✓ Use clear and direct language
- ✓ Consult a range of up-to-date references
- ✓ Use reputable sources
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- ✓ Include an abstract (100 word summary of your article)
- ✓ Get informed consent from all parties featured in your article

Don't

- ✗ Overlook the title
- ✗ Rush the abstract
- ✗ Embellish or be ambiguous
- ✗ Leave acronyms unexplained
- ✗ Forget to clear any copyright (check the instructions for authors for details)
- ✗ Miss out attachments (figures, tables)
- ✗ Forget confidentiality and privacy

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- Builds on your qualification
- Can further your career

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