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Quotes or integrations must be made clear. The parts of the work quoted or integrated must be clearly and properly cited.

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Authors need to write their objections to the corrections requested by reviewers in red.

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