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Our abstract is below 350 words. The abstract is structured into three segments (Introduction, Discussion, Conclusions). We would prefer to use the term “discussion” instead of “main body” for the second part of the abstract. To our understanding, this is also a common structure of other articles/abstracts published in the journal.

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We have used three headings as main divisions (Background, Discussion, Conclusions). However, rather than naming the second part “Main Text” we prefer the term “discussion” at this place, too. (Again, this would be in line with other debate articles in this journal).

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