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• Mark Engel still needs to confirm authorship - Mark.Engel@uct.ac.za
  - Mark has sorted this out

• Please define all abbreviations inline the first time they are used.
  - We have gone through the manuscript carefully to see that this has been done in all instances

• The “Authors’ Contributions” section of the Declarations should include the text “All authors read and approved the final manuscript”
  - The section has been amended to include the text