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Editor's Note

Dear all valued authors,

The two most important things for a submitted manuscript are, as a matter of principle, that it has a novel contribution and that it is scientifically sound. Primarily, we let the referees judge on these after some time period.

The next most important thing on our list is the language. Unfortunately, it happens to be the first thing we focus on when a submission is received in order to screen oncoming papers.

We therefore cannot overemphasise the importance of a properly edited manuscript with respect to language. In many cases, this can be achieved by the authors themselves (although with some additional care). Alternatively, for those authors who are less apt, a professional service may be sought. We have listed quite a number of them on our website for those who require one.