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| <p> <b>Journal Description</b></p> <p> <i>Who is the target audience for this paper?</i></p> <p>Is this in a specialized journal or are the authors writing for a broader audience? Is this a review article that is written for a newcomer to the field?</p>                                                           | <p> <b>Introduction/Background, sometimes Methods or Results</b></p> <p> <i>What is the testable hypothesis or hypotheses (including the null hypothesis)?</i></p> <p>Make clear exactly what is being measured/compared, including species names, and any spatial and temporal components.</p>                                                                                                                                                               | <p> <b>Introduction/Background</b></p> <p> <i>What are the 2-3 most important known ideas or pieces of information that led to this study?</i></p> <p>Describe the key findings from other research that inspired this project. It's a good idea to also put a short citation with each finding (i.e. author, year) but a citation should not replace the description of the findings.</p> |
| BROAD IMPORTANCE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | MAJOR RESEARCH FINDING(S)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | EXISTING GAP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <p> <b>Discussion/Conclusion</b></p> <p> <i>How is this research broadly important to the field and to society?</i></p> <p>Describe both types of contribution. Focus on <b>interpretation</b> of the results and their <b>application</b> to other study systems and to solving problems of importance to society.</p> | <p> <b>Results or Results and Discussion</b></p> <p> <i>What are the most important (i.e. major) research findings described in the paper?</i></p> <p>List 2-3 <b>major</b> research findings. Be selective. Look for results that are novel, well-supported, and answer the specific research question(s) from above. Note: negative results can be important!</p>                                                                                           | <p> <b>Introduction/Background</b></p> <p> <i>What is the gap in knowledge this project aims to contribute to filling?</i></p> <p>This is often described as the <b>BIG</b> remaining question(s) in the field, though it does not need to be stated as a question. This is almost never a directly testable hypothesis because it is a big and broad area of research.</p>                |
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