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**Paper Preparation**

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1. **Tables and Figures**
   1. Place all tables, graphs, figures, exhibits, and appendices at the end of the manuscript after references. Indicate the places where they should be inserted in the manuscript for example <insert figure 1 here> etc.
   2. Number them consecutively with Arabic numerals.
   3. The title of a table should be labeled above the table.
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   5. Include table / figure descriptions / notes below the table / figure.
2. **Paper length**
   1. Full papers should be single-spaced. They should not normally exceed 7,000 words including abstract, manuscript, references, tables, graphs, figures, exhibits, and appendices.
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