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A	Is this topic		
	1 suitable for the journal?	yes	no
	2 significant?	yes	no
	3 novel?	yes	no
B	Clarity of objectives:		
C	Quality of methods:		
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E	Validity of assumptions and analyses:		
F	Quality of interpretations:		
G	Extent to which the interpretations/conclusions are supported by the data:		
H	Overall significance of this work:		
I	Is this paper		
	1 properly organized?	yes	no
	2 to the point/concise?	yes	no
	3 written clearly using correct grammar and syntax?	yes	no
J	Are the approach, results and conclusions intelligible from the abstract alone?	yes	no
K	Is the title informative and a reflection of the content?	yes	no
L	Are the illustrations/tables		
	1 useful and all necessary?	yes	no
	2 of good quality?	yes	no

- M Is the referencing relevant, up to date and accessible? yes no
- N Are the keywords (if provided) appropriate and complete? yes no
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- P Can you suggest any improvements to this work, or any parts, which could be shortened or removed?

- Q Is this work acceptable in its present form? yes no
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