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Title

Should be a concise summary of the paper that includes the following: study system used, the main finding, and direction of the effect (if any). Aim for something that summarizes the findings of the research.

Poor ex.: The effect of anti-biotics on lizards

Better ex.: The negative effects of amoxicillin on the reproduction of the western fence lizard (*Sceloporus occidentalis*)

Authors & Affiliations

Label the specific affiliation of author with a superscript and each affiliation in a separate paragraph format. Please bold the name of the corresponding author and provide their contact information.

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Abstract

Less than or equal to 250 words. The abstract should have background information, an explanation of the objectives, an overview of the methods, and the results. The final sentence(s) should be a summary of the main conclusions. Do not include citations or abbreviations.

Main Text (Section titles in bold, Subsection titles in italics)

Introduction

Methods & Materials / Theoretical Development (as applicable)

Results

Discussion

Conclusion (In a separate section, if applicable)

Acknowledgements

Reference List

Tables & Figures

- Please do not embed tables and figures in the text of the paper, but do include them in a group after the reference list
- Do not embed tables as pictures
- Tables should be consistently formatted, text should be centered. Text font matches the font used in the manuscript. Font size is 10 pt. Here is an example table:

Treatment (units, if applicable)	Variable A (units)	Variable B (units)	Variable C (units)	Variable D (units)
X	2.4	4.7	18.5	63.7
Z	2.2	6.0	21.4	67.8

- Number figures and tables separately and sequentially
- Provide short and concise captions below figures but above tables.

Acknowledgements

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References

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From Nye (1999), we can conclude that the Earth orbits around the Sun.

The center of mass between the sun and the Earth lies inside the sun (Brumberg 1991; Brumberg et al. 1998; Olken and Nye 2015; Tyson et al. 2002).

Reference List

Nye B. 1999. Sol system: Orbiting around the sun. Space Scientific. 17: 1857-1863.

Olken S, Nye B. 2015. Relative mass of the planets in the solar system and their relation to the sun. *Acta Astronomica*. 28: 236-247.

Tyson ND, Ramos MR, Weir SM. 2004. Physics in space. *Space Scientific*. 22: 553-560.

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