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SPECIFIC COMMENTS TO AUTHORS

This is a good article on the importance of LTEs. 1. Abstract: the beginning could be more rounded off. Delete "We believe that", 2. Including in the abstract, the text throughout would be better as coming across as "suggestive" as opposed to "assertive" by using words such as "should" " must". Afterall, these are scientific opinions for readers to consider. 3. Please revise the 4th bullet point for clarity- it seems "not" is missing in "Thus, citations of LETTERS may NOT prove helpful for THE journals" 4. AS the LTE's are definitely NOT considered for the calculation of JIF, please delete this line - " Moreover, they may be published in the same year as the article they are referring to, so they may not contribute to the journal's impact factor." 5. Please revise the following segment for clarity and correctness- Indeed, full papers take longer to be published and processed. This may even take several months and it is possible that during that time more recent and relevant findings become available. For the journals, a potential advantage is a relatively high citation rate. (also see point 4 above for the last sentence). 6. Please delete this line and it is out of place for this article and is thoroughly avoidable - One of us has resigned as Associate Editor from two journals, because they would not introduce a correspondence section on the grounds that it would require too much editorial work. 7. Once again, I am not sure why this otherwise reasonable manuscript is so full of assertions which could neither be verified nor be agreed with -"One of us has recently experienced a 5-month delay regarding a decision on a 300-word letter. In our opinion, this represents completely unacceptable standards by the editorial staff of this journal" 8. Once again, best to stick to statements which are scientific and educational for the readers and avoid claims such as _ Again this has happened to us, although the definition of "valid comments" is based on our

knowledge/views. Nevertheless, in our opinion they were quite obvious. 9. Overall, this manuscript is rather poorly written and deviates from the objectives though content may be good. 10. A thorough revision taking particular care to weed out redundant statements, unwanted assertiveness and a focus to the objective of the manuscript would help. As opposed to 1000+ words, 800 or so would still be as effective! 11. Finally, it is OK to base one's suggestions of personal experience but when the readers have no recourse to verify the facts, the whole thing becomes unscientific. This can be overcome by stating in a more diplomatic and well thought out manner.

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