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I would like to remind our cherished authors to follow as close as possible our style guidelines in preparing their manuscripts. This saves the Editorial Team some work at the copy-editing phase. Thus, all linguistic examples should appear in bold, and first names of authors should be spelled out in the references.

In addition, we would like to encourage authors to provide short summaries of their articles in an African language relevant for the object language of their article. We salute and thank those authors who have done so. We hope that more authors will embrace the practice.