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Scientific contributions: Maximum of 3000 words, including literature and text of figures.
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Abbreviations
- Do not use abbreviations.
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  Example: British Association of Hand Therapists (BAHT).

Quotation Marks
Use “...” (double brackets) in citations only.
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Write numbers below twenty, decimals in numbers.
  Example:
  One, thirteenth, ninety, hundredth,

In million and milliard, combinations of numbers and figures are appropriate.
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  ‘16 Million Dutchmen’, ‘7 Milliard people’.

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Also use numbers in the following examples:
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Use a combination of numbers and figures in the following example:
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In standard English.
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Literature
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Size:
Maximum of 2000 words
The casus must:
* Be interesting / special,
* Be critical,
* Contain learning moments for the target group,
* Show an evident strategy plan,
* End with an evaluation and conclusion.

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* Diagnosis and prognosis,
* History and assessment,
* Treatment options and treatment plan,
* Treatment process (description of intervention)
* Evaluation, conclusion and termination of treatment.

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