



Scientific Document Descriptions

Original (Primary) Research Article

These are articles that describe original work done by the authors. These articles include a description of the methodology that was used to generate the data in the paper. Typically, an original (primary) research article reports on a single study. These articles undergo traditional peer review and vetting. *To be published in MMB.*

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