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### Scientific sections

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### Article types

Short communication, technical note, symposium review, mini-review, letter to the editor

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