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- ▶ Paper / Manuscript
- ▶ Figures, photos, tables, graphics etc. electronically in a separate file
- ▶ Harvard style references where appropriate

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