Peer-Review Statements

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1 REVIEW PROCEDURE

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Authors of a rejected submission were given the opportunity to revise and resubmit after addressing the reviewers’ comments. The acceptance or rejection of a revised manuscript was final.

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4. Adherence to the ethical standards and codes of conduct relevant to the research field;
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4 COMPETING INTERESTS

Some of the authors (in this case, name them) were supervised by the Editor-in-Chief, who has recused herself from handling their submissions and has delegated them to colleagues with no personal interests in them.
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