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The maximum number of words will be 6,000, including a summary in Spanish and English, references, tables, and figures. The text is to feature 2.54 cm (1 inch) margins on all sides. The font shall be Times New Roman, size 12, double-spaced. All pages should be numbered in the top right-hand corner. A 1.25 cm indentation should be used at the beginning of each paragraph. It is recommended that the text include cumulative line numbers to facilitate the review process.

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The abstract should be concise, with a maximum of 250 words, single-spaced and not justified or indented. It is to briefly describe the theoretical/conceptual framework contextualizing the work presented, the objective of the study, the basic characteristics of the methodology and analysis, the main results, the discussion (the problem addressed) and the most important conclusions. The total number of participants, their age and sex/gender, and demographic information should be included, if relevant. The abstract must be written in the third person and not include a self-referenced assessment in the first or second person.

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#### Results

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