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cians, research scientists, decision-makers and a range of profes-
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Reviews aim to highlight recent significant advances in
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Word limit
4000–8000 words (excluding Abstract, Executive Sum-
mary, References and Figure/Table legends)

Required sections
(for a more detailed description of these sections go to
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- Summary
- Keywords
- Future perspective
- Executive summary
- References
- Reference annotations
- Financial disclosure

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- Keywords
- Introduction
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- Discussion
- Conclusions
- Summary points
- References
- Reference annotations
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The intention is very much that these articles should rep-
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