

Video abstracts

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- Please work to the following guidelines when producing your video abstract:
- Videos should be around 3 minutes in duration, maximum of 5 minutes.
- Film the video in a well-lit and professional environment when possible.
- Authors should aim to introduce the subject of the paper, highlight the main findings, and if relevant discuss future potential developments in the field as a result of the work.
- Please aim to make the video understandable and accessible to users outside of the immediate field of the research.
- Inclusion of additional relevant/supplementary material such as images, animations and figures is encouraged.
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- Video file name which includes the journal title and the title of your work

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