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- Life sciences ("omics"- sciences)
- Bioanalytical guidelines and regulatory issues
- Instrumentation developments and/or improvements

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Experimental section

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Short Communication	2000-2500	150	4-6	25	8
Review	4000-8000	150	4-6	150	8
Perspective	4000-8000	150	4-6	150	8
Original research	4500-8500	150	4-6	150	8
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