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   - Figures (graphs or photographs) should be prepared at a width of 8 or 17 cm with legible numbers and lettering.
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