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1. About the Journal

The **Revista Mexicana de Fitopatología (RMF) / Mexican Journal of Phytopathology (MJP)** is a scientific journal published by the **Mexican Society of Phytopathology, A.C. (SMF)**. It is a non-commercial, open-access journal for authors and readers, bilingual, peer-reviewed using the double-blind method by specialists in plant pathology and related fields, and published continuously on a quarterly basis (January, May, and September). The RMF/MJP seeks to publish high-impact original research to disseminate, enrich, and strengthen knowledge in scientific and academic research in the field of plant pathology, in the interest of food security.

- **Focus and Scope**

The RMF/MJP publishes contributions on plant pathogens and their interaction with plants, covering a range of topics from genomic to epidemiological studies and their management. Manuscripts must be based on rigorous research, supported by hypotheses and objectives that address the research question. Descriptive studies and those lacking an experimental basis will not be considered.

The main subject areas covered by the journal are:

- **Etiology and characterization of plant pathogens.** Identification, morphology, genomics, and taxonomy of fungi, oomycetes, viruses, viroids, bacteria, phytoplasmas, and nematodes.
- **Plant-Pathogen Interaction:** Mechanisms of pathogenesis, physiology of parasitism, biochemistry and molecular genetics of host resistance or susceptibility, and omics sciences in plant-pathogen interactions.
- **Alternate hosts and vectors.** Weeds that act as reservoirs or hosts for plant pathogens, insect vectors, modes of transmission, and replication.
- **Plant Epidemiology:** Pathogen population dynamics, mathematical modeling of epidemics, and the effects of climate change on disease distribution.
- **Integrated Disease Management:** Biological and chemical control methods, plant extracts, nanobiocontrol, genetic breeding for pathogen resistance, and induction of defenses through the use of phytochemicals.

Scope Restrictions (Exclusions)

To maintain a high standard of scientific novelty, the RMF/MJP **will not accept** for publication:

- Agricultural extension reports or basic regional surveys.
- Efficacy trials of chemical fungicides or commercial plant extracts that do not include an in-depth analysis of the mechanism of action or a clear validation of hypotheses.
- New reports on pathogens that are not supported by morphological and molecular identification and pathogenicity testing (Koch's postulates).

- **Editorial Policy**

RMF/MJP maintains a rigorous review process for all contributions published on its platform (see this section in the main page menu). The Editorial Team conducts a *compliance review* in accordance with



the Author Guidelines before sending the manuscript to a review panel, with the aim of ensuring the document's relevance and proper formatting. The review of each document is double-blind, meaning the author and the review panel remain anonymous to each other, to ensure an impartial and objective review. Once the editorial process begins, the document is sent by invitation to a reviewer who is a specialist in the field, and this reviewer in turn invites three reviewers. The assessment of at least two reviewers and the lead reviewer is incorporated. If a comprehensive evaluation is necessary, the editorial team forwards the document to an executive reviewer or Associate Editor for evaluation. The Editor-in-Chief is solely responsible for the final publication of a document.

- **Types of Contributions**

Currently, the RMF/MJP accepts contributions in Spanish or English that conform to the corresponding format (Publication Templates) and in the following categories:

- **Scientific Article.** Original, completed studies (repeated over time and space) with treatments, representative replicates, and statistical analyses. It must not exceed 20 pages (including tables, figures, and references) (Download the template from the main page menu).
- **Review Article.** A retrospective analysis of studies that presents a hypothesis, theory, or other phytopathological topics of interest to a general or specialized audience. The RMF/MJP Editorial Board may invite specialized researchers to submit literature reviews or contributions on specific topics. Do not exceed 25 pages in accordance with the template, including tables, figures, and references (Download the template from the main page menu).
- **Plant Pathology Note.** This section is intended for concise, original studies on techniques, specific observations, or historical aspects of plant pathology data. Do not exceed 10 pages (including tables, figures, and references) (Download the template from the main page menu).
- **Plant Pathology Report.** Reports on epidemiological outbreaks, significant changes in the regional distribution of pathogens, new hosts, and/or detections of plant pathogens at the species or intraspecific level, resistance of plant pathogens to chemical or biological products, as well as the release of resistant varieties. Do not exceed 3,000 words; the inclusion of one table or figure is permitted (Download the template from the menu on the home page).
- **Letter to the Editor.** Ideas, opinions, hypotheses, and other contributions presented briefly and concisely, inviting debate and reflection and fostering critical thinking. Do not exceed five pages (Download the template from the main page menu).

2. Document Preparation

All contributions must adhere to the standard structure of Introduction, Methodology, Results and Discussion, and Conclusions. Only scientific articles will include the corresponding headings; however, all contributions must follow a logical sequence and avoid redundancy across sections. Avoid mixing methodology with results.

- **General Format**



Maintain the format and margins specified in the template for the type of contribution. Indent the first line of each paragraph by 1.0 cm, except for subheadings embedded within a paragraph. Use 11-point Times New Roman font for the body of the document, with 1.15 line spacing and justified alignment, including between paragraphs. When a subheading begins at the start of a paragraph, leave one space. For the main title: Times New Roman, bold, size 18, centered, 1.15 line spacing, and 5–25 words in mixed case. For author names and affiliations, use justified text, Times New Roman, size 9, and 1.15 line spacing. Section titles should be in small caps, bold, and aligned to the left of the page. Use Times New Roman, size 13.

- **Document Structure**

The following are the requirements for the document.

1. Title, Authors, Abstract, Keywords

Title

The title must be clear, concise, and specific, consistent with the document's content. Titles linked to a series of related works will not be accepted unless submitted together. In Phytopathological Reports, the title must include the name of the disease, pathogen (scientific name), host, and location.

Author-Affiliation

Full names of the authors in lowercase, bold, separated by commas, with the corresponding author indicated by a superscript asterisk. Respect the way authors and co-authors spell their first and last names, including the use of hyphens. After the names, list the full name(s) of the affiliated institution(s) in lowercase and without boldface, linking each author with a numerical superscript. Include the address, postal code (C. P.), state, and country. Example:

First Name¹ Last Name-Last Name¹, First Name² Last Name-Last Name¹, First Name³ Last Name-Last Name^{2*}. ¹ Institute of Horticulture, Department of Plant Science, ² Agricultural Mycology, Department of Agricultural Parasitology, Autonomous University of Chapingo, Mexico- Texcoco Highway, Km 38.5, Texcoco, C. P. 56230, State of Mexico, Mexico.

Abstract

Present a one-page summary that includes Background/Objective, Methodology or Experimental Procedure, Results, and Conclusions. Clearly state the essential aspects of the research, ensuring the inclusion of statistical data, variables, etc. Be self-explanatory; for example, use the scientific names of microorganisms and plants (without descriptive terms) and avoid generic terms. Do not repeat the title in the text of the abstract; use scientific nomenclature and avoid abbreviations. For word count and structure of the abstract according to the type of contribution, see the corresponding template.

Keywords

Include up to five simple, capitalized words. Avoid compound words and do not repeat words included in the title. Do not end with a period.

2. Main Body of the Document



Introduction / Rationale

In Scientific Articles, Phytopathological Notes, and Phytopathological Reports, this section should briefly describe the study and highlight the importance of the research. Carefully present the state of the art and cite relevant and recent publications. Ensure that the Introduction is fluid, understandable, and justifies the research. Finally, state the hypothesis and/or objective(s) of the research. In Review Articles, describe the scientific problem that motivated the review, thoroughly discuss the state of the art, and cite relevant and recent publications. In the Bibliographic Analysis section, clearly indicate the criteria and parameters used for the literature search; for example, the time period, types of journals, bibliographic repositories, geographic regions, crops, types of pathogens, etc. If necessary, include a flowchart of the bibliographic analysis process and indicate the basis upon which the Review Article was ultimately developed.

Materials and Methods / Experimental Design / Theoretical and Experimental Framework

For **Scientific Articles**, describe the methods and/or protocols that allow for the exact reproducibility of the experiment. New methodologies should be described in detail, while previously published methods may be briefly summarized and cited. **Phytopathological Notes** and **Phytopathological Reports** should present the information in a fluid manner without section headings. To maintain sequence and order, use subheadings embedded within paragraphs that refer to the methodology used, results, and discussion. In **Review Articles**, structure the text in an expository and analytical manner with a logical order; present the information in a comprehensible and organized way using mind maps, tables summarizing results, and other tools. In **Letters to the Editor**, sections should not have subheadings; the information must be organized in such a way that these sections are easily understood and distinguished. When using references and units of measurement, refer to the corresponding template.

Results and Discussion

The Results and Discussion sections may be placed in the same section or separately. Present the results of the experimental data obtained clearly, objectively, and precisely, with a general interpretation in accordance with the order presented in Materials and Methods. Cite relevant and current references to thoroughly discuss the results of previous research or similar studies and how they can be interpreted in light of prior studies, contrasting them with the hypothesis(es). Include logical deductions; avoid unsubstantiated speculation. Additionally, suggestions for future studies may be included. Use tables or figures for support; tables should not be repeated verbatim in the body of the document.

Conclusions / Conclusions and Outlook

These should directly address the objective(s) stated in the introduction, summarizing the main contribution and scientific advancement that your research has provided. Present representative values of the results, such as averages, ranges, proportions, percentages, etc. Include statistical significance associated with factors and/or treatments in the case of experimental designs. In review articles, integrate the analysis of information to establish perspectives based on the current state of knowledge in a convincing and well-founded manner; these perspectives should be framed within the authors' vision, derived from the analysis of the scientific problem, and should establish mature and solid knowledge within the scope of the problem analyzed.



Supplementary Appendices

Limitations. Briefly indicate the methodological limitations that could be improved in similar studies, such as sample size, Koch's postulates, number of replicates, among others. Also, indicate aspects that have been poorly studied or investigated, or that have yielded partial or inconclusive conclusions.

Conflict of Interest. If there are no conflicts of interest (see section 4), the authors must explicitly state this using the following text: *"The authors declare that they have no conflict of interest regarding the research, authorship, and/or publication of this article."*

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Authors' Contributions. Briefly describe the role(s) of each author who contributed to the research, including the conception of the study, experimental design, data analysis, statistics, and review, etc.

Supplementary material. In this section, indicate, if necessary, any attached documents that support a process within the research project; these attachments should be in .doc, .xlsx, or similar formats.

References. It is the authors' responsibility to verify the accuracy of citations in the text against the reference list and vice versa (see section 3). Cite current references: 30–40 for scientific articles, 20–30 for phytopathological notes, 50–60 for review articles, and 5–10 for phytopathological reports. Use a 0.5 cm French indent, arrange alphabetically, font size 9, single-spaced.

3. Style Guidelines and Standards

• Citation and Reference Format

All references must strictly adhere to the RMF/MJP style. The author-year system is used. In the body of the text, punctuation depends on the position of the citation within the sentence: **one author**, Pfender (2010) or (Pfender, 2010); **two authors**, Leyva-Mir and García-Velasco (2022) or (Leyva-Mir and García-Velasco, 2022); **more than two authors**, Santos-Cervantes *et al.* (2020) or (Santos-Cervantes *et al.*, 2020). **Multiple citations** should be listed in chronological order and separated by semicolons: (Villanueva-Arce, 2015; Ayala-Escobar and Yáñez-Morales, 2018; Santos-Cervantes *et al.*, 2020). **For the same author and year**, insert a consecutive lowercase letter after the year: (Pérez, 2020a; Pérez, 2020b).

All articles must include a DOI hyperlink or web link. Use "*et al.*" starting with the sixth author and write the full journal name in regular text (without italics). The document will be returned to the author if it does not comply with the following guidelines:

Examples of citations according to publication type:



Structure of a Scientific Article

Authors' full last names and first initials. Year. Full title of the article. Full name of the journal (not italicized). Volume (Issue): pages. DOI URL or link. Example of a scientific article:

Ortega-Acosta SA, Velasco-Cruz C, Hernández-Morales J, Ochoa-Martínez DL, and Hernández-Ruiz J. 2016. Diagrammatic logarithmic scales for assessing the severity of spotted leaves and calyces of roselle. Mexican Journal of Phytopathology 34: 270–285. <https://doi.org/10.18781/R.MEX.FIT.1606-6>

Book Structure

Authors' full last names and first initials. Year. Book title. Edition number (if applicable). Publisher. City and country of publication. Total number of pages (e.g., 350 p.). DOI URL or catalog site (if applicable). Book example:

Anaya-Lang AL, Yáñez-Morales M, and Gómez-Rodríguez O. 2016. Pathology of Forest Seeds in Mexico. 2nd ed. Editorial Colegio de Postgraduados. Texcoco, State of Mexico, Mexico. 312 p.

Book Chapter Format

Full last names and first initials of the chapter authors. Year. Chapter title. *In*: Last names and first initials of the editors (Eds.). Book title. Publisher. City and country of publication. Pages covered by the chapter (e.g., pp. 45–68). DOI URL (if applicable).

Book example:

Cano-Madrigal, J., and Pérez-Brito, D. 2021. Serological and molecular diagnosis of phytopathogenic viruses in tropical crops. *In*: Silva-Rojas, H. V., and Martínez-Espinoza, A. D. (Eds.). Biotechnological Tools Applied to Plant Health in Mexico. Colegio de Postgraduados. Texcoco, State of Mexico, Mexico. pp. 112–135.

Web Page Format

Name of the institution or corporate author. Year of publication or update. Title of the document or online resource. Full web link (Available online at: URL). (Accessed: month, year). Example of a web page:

National Service for Agrifood Health, Safety, and Quality (SENASICA). 2024. Technical data sheet on epidemiological surveillance for *Ralstonia solanacearum* race 3 in Mexico. Available online at: www.gob.mx. (Accessed: March 15, 2026).

• Tables and Figures

All graphic material must be uploaded to the editorial management system separately from the text files, using descriptive file names (e.g., Figure_1.tif, Table_2.docx).

1. Tables and Figures

They should be cited in the main text as Figure 1, Table 1, etc. Figures or diagrams should be inserted after they are cited in the text. Use high-quality images with a resolution of at least 300



dpi or proportional to the page size. Figure layouts should be submitted in an editable format (ungrouped). Tables should be created in Word, not Excel. They must contain three main lines: two separating the titles and a closing line (see templates). Write captions in lowercase letters. Footnotes for tables must be identified with lowercase letters (from the end of the alphabet) in superscript (in sequence: ^x, ^y, ^z). To indicate levels of statistical significance, use asterisks (* = $p \leq 0.05$, ** = $p \leq 0.01$). For numbers, use only one decimal place, separated by a period; for example, 3.2%, 5.7 cm, etc. For specific details, see the corresponding template.

Artificially increasing resolution in image editing software is prohibited. Images must be originally captured at the required quality:

Type of Visual Element	Minimum Resolution	Recommended File Format
Photographs and micrographs	300 DPI (or PPI)	JPG or PNG
Graphs and line diagrams	600 to 1200 DPI	Original open format
Composite figures	600 DPI	Open original format

2. Multiple Photo Composite (Multiple Panels)

To compare symptoms, isolations, or treatments, please combine the individual images into a single composite:

- **Panel Identification:** Label each quadrant of the composite with bold uppercase letters (A, B, C, D) in the upper-right corner. Use 12-pt Arial or Helvetica font.
- **Visual Layout:** The background borders between panels should be minimal ($2^{1/4}$ pt), white, and perfectly aligned. Avoid unnecessary empty spaces.
- **Scale Bars:** It is mandatory to include microscopic or macroscopic scale bars printed directly on each relevant image. Indicate the length of the scale bar in the figure caption (e.g., "Scale bar = 10 μ m"), avoiding the use of relative magnification values (such as "100x") that are distorted when the print size is changed.
- **Focus Annotations:** Use high-contrast arrows (black with a white outline, or vice versa) to highlight specific pathogen structures or symptoms, taking care not to clutter the image.

3. Conceptual Models and Diagrams

Models explaining disease cycles, molecular defense mechanisms, or methodological workflows should be visually clear.

- **Graphic Style:** Diagrams should be clean, with white or transparent backgrounds. Use understated, harmonious color palettes, ensuring they are readable for people with color blindness. If necessary, you may use contrasting colors, but avoid overusing them,
- **Accepted formats:** Vector formats (PDF) are preferred. If exported to PNG or JPG, they must have a minimum resolution of 600 DPI to ensure that text does not appear pixelated.



- Internal typography: Maintain consistency by using the Arial or Helvetica font. The text size for internal labels should range from 6 to 10 pt at the final publication size to ensure readability.

4. Figure captions

- Captions must not be included within the graphic or image file. They must be written below the figure, where they should be clear and precise.
- Structure: Begin with the figure label in bold and abbreviated form, followed by the corresponding number (e.g., **Figure 1.**).
- Content: The description should be self-explanatory. The reader should be able to understand the purpose of the figure without referring to the main text of the manuscript.
- Required details: Specify the host, the pathogen (genus and species in italics), the variables plotted, the meaning of each letter in the multiple panels (e.g., "A: Field leaf symptoms. B: Monospore isolation of *X* on PDA."), and a description of any arrows or scale bars included.

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1. Fertilizers. Describe fertilizer doses in elemental terms (e.g., N, P, K, etc.). If necessary, indicate the source of the fertilizer.

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Quantity	Unit	Symbol
Length	Kilometer	km
	Meter	m
	Centimeter	cm
	Millimeter	mm
	Micrometer	µm
	Nanometer	nm
Mass	Gram	g
	Milligram	mg
	Kilograms per hectare	kg ha ⁻¹
	Kilogram	kg
	Metric ton	t
Time	Hour	h
	Minute	min
	Second	s
Temperature	Degrees Celsius	°C
Area	Hectare	ha
Volume	Liter	L
	Milliliter	mL



4. Ethical and Legal Considerations

This journal is firmly committed to maintaining the highest standards of scientific integrity and editorial ethics, strictly adhering to the principles established by the Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE).

- **Plagiarism Detection and Policy**

Plagiarism, in any of its forms (verbatim copying, substantial unattributed paraphrasing, or appropriation of others' ideas), constitutes a serious ethical violation and is grounds for rejection. We consider the ethics of the authors, as well as the professionalism and commitment of the reviewers; therefore, in the field of plant pathology, the review panel uses anti-plagiarism software or relies on their knowledge of the subject matter of the document under evaluation. If necessary, the Editorial Team conducts a thorough review of cases brought forward by the review panel to make a final decision on the document (correction by authors or rejection). A textual similarity index exceeding 20% or the detection of continuous blocks of text identical to other sources without citing the original source (including the author's own work or *self-plagiarism*) will result in the document being returned or definitively rejected, in accordance with COPE protocols.

- **Integrity of Scientific Data and Images**

In plant pathology, images of electrophoresis gels, PCR curves, and micrographs are critical scientific data. Any alteration that distorts the experimental reality will be considered **scientific misconduct**.

- **Gels and Blots:** It is strictly prohibited to crop, move, or insert individual bands within a gel. If lanes from different gels or from different sections of the same gel are grouped together in a single figure, this must be made clear by using **distinct vertical dividing lines** and must be explained.
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- **Preservation of Original Data:** Authors are required to retain the original, unprocessed image files (raw data). The Editorial Board reserves the right to request these files at any stage of the editorial process or after publication if there is any suspicion of manipulation.

- **Institutional Approvals and Experimental Ethics**

- **Collection Permits:** Studies involving the isolation of plant pathogens, especially those of quarantine importance or invasive alien species, must explicitly state that they have obtained the **institutional or governmental permits** required in the country of origin **for the collection and transport of biological material**.
- **Genetically Modified Organisms:** Research using genetically modified plants or fungi (GMOs) must indicate compliance with local biosafety regulations and approval by the Biosafety or Ethics Committee of the institution where the project was conducted.



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In accordance with COPE's position statement on AI tools, the journal establishes the following transparency rules:

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- **Location of the Disclosure:** This statement must be included in a specific section titled **"Conflict of Interest"** immediately before "Funding" and "Acknowledgments."



- **Absence of Conflict:** If there are no conflicts of interest, the authors must explicitly state this using the following text: *"The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest regarding the research, authorship, and/or publication of this article."*

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All manuscripts must be submitted via the journal's official web platform by accessing the "Submit Manuscript" menu. Material submitted through other channels will not be accepted.

• Author Registration and Metadata Module

Upon initiating the submission, the system requires the structured entry of data for all participants. This phase is separate from the manuscript file, which must remain anonymized:

- **Author Registration:** Enter the full first and last names of each contributor.
- **Corresponding Author:** Explicit designation of the researcher responsible for institutional communication with the Editorial Board.
- **Institutions and Affiliation:** Formal details of the department, institution, official address, country, and postal code for each author.
- **Email Addresses:** Record the email addresses (preferably institutional) of each co-author. The system will send simultaneous notifications regarding ethical approval to prevent registrations without consent.

• Modular File Upload System

To ensure proper technical processing, the corresponding author must separately upload up to a maximum of 5 independent supplementary files to the web platform:

- **The Document or Manuscript:** The complete manuscript formatted in an editable word processor (Microsoft Word), containing text, abstracts, and the reference list. It must be completely free of authors' names or affiliations to safeguard double-blind peer review.
- **High-Quality Figures:** Data graphs, epidemiological curves, or standalone vector diagrams. They must have a minimum resolution of 300 dpi for monochrome images and 500 dpi for color images.
- **Tables:** Editable files in Word or Excel format (never pasted as static images), formatted with Arial font, using only three black horizontal lines and no cell shading.
- **Photographic Compositions:** Consolidated multi-panel images showing the progression of symptoms, axenic culture isolates, or micrographs of pathogen structures. These must have a resolution of 600 dpi and must include legible metric scale bars.
- **Supplementary Appendices:** Supporting files that include raw statistical databases, phylogenetic alignment matrices, or the original photographic record of the experiment to support future data audits.

• Integration of Mandatory Forms (F01 and F02)



As a requirement for originality and phytopathological quality control, the submission process requires the additional upload of two standardized institutional forms:

A. Letter to the Editor (Form F02)

[Form RMF/MJP_F02](#) is a sworn statement of originality and authorship that must be signed by all authors. This document must confirm:

- **Strict Originality:** An explicit statement that the manuscript describes an **original work that has not been published** in whole or in part in another scientific journal, nor is it currently under simultaneous review.
- **Role of the Authors:** A breakdown of each signatory's level of participation according to the taxonomic methodology of contribution (e.g., conceptualization, methodology, data analysis, drafting of the original manuscript).

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[Form RMF/MJP_F01](#) is the technical tool used to verify the manuscript prior to peer review. Authors must self-assess and confirm their strict compliance with the authors' guidelines before submission:

- Once the files have been uploaded and the signed F01 and F02 forms have been attached, the Revista Mexicana de Fitopatología system will issue a preliminary control number to initiate the editorial compliance review and double-blind peer review.

● **Review Process**

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6. Fee Policy

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● **Contribution to Publication Costs**

The financial contributions collected are used solely for technical maintenance and do not constitute a commercial profit. Once a manuscript has been formally published following double-blind peer review and editing, the following cost recovery items apply:

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1. **Free Review:** Submission, technical anti-plagiarism review, and the entire peer-review process are completely free of charge.
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3. **Issuance of Receipts:** All amounts reimbursed by authors are officially invoiced by the Mexican Society of Plant Pathology, A.C., strictly for educational and scientific publishing services, ensuring transparent oversight of funds.

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7. Open Access, Self-Archiving, and Digital Preservation Policy

The RMF/MJP, the official scientific journal of the Mexican Society of Plant Pathology, A.C. (SMF), maintains an unwavering commitment to the global democratization of knowledge in plant health and crop protection.

- **Open Access and Continuous Publication Statement**

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