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3. Article accepted
4. Corresponding author asked to sign ELF
5. Form signed
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7. Report downloaded from SMART
8. Eligible papers identified
9. Production Editor informed of article eligibility
10. Corresponding author contacted to take up deal by signing OA contributor form
11. Author has 2 weeks to sign and return form
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13. No invoice issued
14. Author does NOT return form within 2 weeks
15. Invoice for discounted APC sent to author
16. Paper published OA online
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