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<p><b>Graphical Abstract</b> <i>Highly encouraged for research articles and emerging science communications.</i></p>	<p>One table or figure that summarizes the key point of the whole article or at least one of the most important "take home" messages of the work. Should have limited text. Can be a summary image of the whole or part of the paper, or a slightly simplified version of one of the tables or figures used in the paper itself. Should be referred to in the "Why Is This Important?" section, as the graphical abstract should illustrate one of the key points of the article to draw readers' interest.</p> <div data-bbox="1003 1098 1471 1514" data-label="Image"> </div>
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