

Editorial

A New Article Type: Patent Summary

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We are pleased to announce a new article type, “Patent Summary”, for Inventions. As you may know, patent descriptions are usually written in complex language; however this new type of article provides the opportunity for a simple summary for a research-based audience.

The novelty and highlights of a patent need to be clearly listed in the abstract, such as the problems that the patent aims to solve, advantages, optimization results, and the significance of the design. Information about potential applications can go in the discussion. In addition, the details of the patents should be written clearly in the “Patents”, section while the patent rights and content confidentiality need to be listed in the “Conflicts of Interests” section.

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