Checklist: Writing a Review Article

☐ Your review adds something new to your field and does not duplicate previously published reviews.

☐ Your review has a clearly defined topic and you have deliberately decided the level of insight with which you discuss the literature (e.g. explanation, analysis, evaluation, proposal of new ideas).

☐ The title succinctly and accurately describes the content of your review.

☐ Your review contains several subdivisions that provide organization and structure.

☐ The abstract provides a rationale for why your subject matter is interesting, the objective you hope to achieve in your review, and an outline of the information you present/discuss.

☐ Information is presented in an orderly, logical narrative rather than as a random assortment of descriptions and citations.

☐ The review contains multiple informative figures and/or tables to visually convey concepts and summarize ideas.

☐ The references you cite are the most appropriate for describing previous studies in the field and composed primarily of recent primary research articles (published within the last 2-4 years) instead of reviews.

☐ Your review is capable of being understood by scientists outside of your field while remaining of interest to scientists within your field.

☐ The manuscript follows all directions specified by the journal to which you are submitting.

☐ The manuscript is completely free of errors, typos, and grammatical mistakes.

☐ You have solicited and received feedback from scientists, both in and out of your field, in regard to both content and style.