

S.C.O.P.E

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Resource Classification

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Suitability

Does the material address relevant and significant aspects of your question?	Yes	No
Is the material a general treatment related to your topic?	Yes	No
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Suitability Reflection		

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Objectivity

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Is the material published in a vehicle that advocates a particular editorial position?	Yes	No
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Objectivity Reflection		

Person

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Is the author respected in the field of study?	Yes	No
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Does the author provide any indication of institutional affiliations?	Yes	No
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Does the author provide a way to request further information?	Yes	No
Person Reflection		