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A. We suggest a target length for chapters of between 5000 and 9000 words of text, excluding figures, tables and references.

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