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CONCEPTS/PROPOSALS DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

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An abstract (summary) of the proposed study/project not exceeding 300 words

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REFERENCES

List the references. Applicable reference should be as per the internationally accepted format(s) and inserted using referencing software



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