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Part 1: Score Sheet

First, please indicate a score on a scale of 1 through 5 for each of the following aspects of the manuscript. (1 = Poor, 5 = Excellent)

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- With major revisions _____
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