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You will find enclosed the following materials:

- guidelines for preparing your manuscript
- permissions and copyright guidelines
- a sample permissions letter
- a preliminary illustration checklist
- a final illustration checklist

It is imperative that you read these materials thoroughly before revising and formatting your manuscript for submission.

The guidelines for preparing your manuscript contain summaries and highlights from *The Chicago Manual of Style* (CMS), 15th ed., as well as examples of documentation. The guidelines, however, are no substitute for CMS itself, and we urge you to consult it for specific questions. Most libraries will have a copy of the current edition, and it may be available as an online subscription resource through your institution.

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