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Good Scientific Practice, Errors

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If the author becomes aware of an error in the manuscript, either before or after publication, they must alert the editor without delay and cooperate with the editors to allow for a correction.

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