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NEW MEDIT publishes:

- a) Research papers**
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a) Research papers include original essays about topics and issues related to Economics, Agriculture and Environment in the Mediterranean Area.

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Results: using tables and figures describe the most important results giving some economic interpretation without being very long

Discussion: it could be included in the results, anyway it needs to define some principles or relationship with the context, clarify some specific points and confront the results obtained with the existing literature or previous trends.

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References are in the correct format for this journal

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Review papers should not be country-specific, although exceptions may be made for very large regions on issues that effect socio-economic development and bioeconomy components, or for a review of a country experience that is highly relevant to other countries.

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