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- Is the argument clearly articulated and appropriately contextualized?
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- Is the theoretical framework clearly presented?
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1. The paper can be accepted for publication in its present form (or with minor revisions).
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