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| Wide relevance/interest of the research theme | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |  |
| Objectives well defined and scientifically supported | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |  |
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| Contribution to knowledge in the field | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ | □ |  |
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