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Scope

The International Journal of Microsimulation is a refereed online journal that invites submission of the following types of material:

- Research papers on any technical aspect of microsimulation
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