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1. Was your article
 accepted
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Ease of the submission process:

AGU Journal

Non-AGU Journal

Contact with editor's office:

AGU Journal

Non-AGU Journal

Speed of review process:

AGU Journal

Non-AGU Journal

Reviewers were knowledgeable about the area of my paper:

AGU Journal

Non-AGU Journal

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AGU Journal

Non-AGU Journal

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AGU Journal

Non-AGU Journal

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Yes No

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