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Words	Figures	Tables	Decision
Between 2,500 and 3,000	Fewer than 15	Fewer than 12	Acceptable
Between 2,500 and 3,000	More than 15	More than 12	Overlong
Between 3,000 and 4,500	Fewer than 12	Fewer than 12	Acceptable
Between 3,000 and 4,500	More than 12	More than 12	Overlong
Between 4,500 and 5,000	Fewer than 10	Fewer than 10	Acceptable
Between 4,500 and 5,000	More than 10	More than 10	Overlong
Between 5,000 and 6,000	Fewer than 8	Fewer than 8	Acceptable
Between 5,000 and 6,000	More than 8	More than 8	Overlong
More than 6,000	Any number	Any number	Overlong

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Up to 10,000	Fewer than 20	Fewer than 12	Acceptable
Over 10,000	More than 20	More than 12	Overlong

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Words	Figures	Tables	Decision
Up to 1,000	Fewer than 3	Fewer than 3	Acceptable
Over 1,000	More than 3	More than 3	Overlong