

## Supporting Information Guidelines

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### SI References

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1. Identify each SI file. Each file type should be numbered beginning with 1 (e.g., Fig. S1 and Table S1):
  - a. Figures (including 3D Figures): Fig. S1, Fig. S2, etc.
  - b. Tables: Table S1, Table S2, etc.
  - c. Text: All supporting text (including SI Materials, SI Methods, SI Discussion, SI Figure Legends, and any other SI text sections) should be combined into a single file (in .doc, .docx, or .tex format) and labeled "SI Text."
  - d. Video: Video S1, Video S2, etc.
  - e. Datasets: Dataset S1, Dataset S2, etc.
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- iii. Select “SI Figure” from the Sub Type menu.
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