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Motivation for Late Submission:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to respectfully request the consideration of my paper for submission despite the passing of the official deadline in February. I fully acknowledge the oversight on my part and am hopeful for your leniency in understanding the circumstances that contributed to this delay.

During the period leading up to the submission deadline, I was engaged in a post-doctoral fellowship at Johns Hopkins University, an opportunity that significantly contributed to my professional development and expanded my research capabilities. This intensive program required my full commitment and presence, which unfortunately led to infrequent checks of my Wits University email where the submission notifications were communicated.

I am fully aware of the importance and respect for deadlines within the academic process and do not take this request lightly. I assure you that my situation was exceptional, and it was never my intention to disregard the submission rules.

Enclosed with this letter, you will find my paper. I sincerely hope that you will consider this late submission as an exception given the unique circumstances.

Thank you very much for considering my request. I deeply appreciate your understanding and patience, and I am more than willing to provide any additional information needed to facilitate your decision.

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