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No. manuscripts processed	27
Accept *without changes*	0 (0.0%)
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Accept after *major revisions* (re-submit, then re-review)	4 (14.8%)
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