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The *Revue d'histoire des sciences* (Paris) has just received the following manuscript:

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- overall impression;
- remarks on specific issues.

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- quality of writing;
- adequacy of critical apparatus;
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