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applied ethics and socio-cultural and empirical approaches.  
Furthermore it presents guidelines to decision- and policy-makers on  
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