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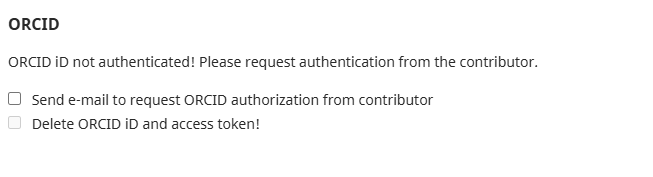
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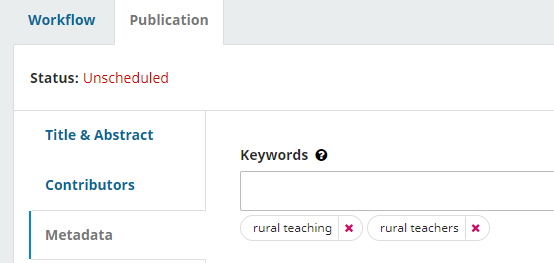
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National Rural Health Alliance. (2020). *Annual report 2019–2020*. https://www.ruralhealth.org.au/sites/default/files/publications/nrha-2019-20-annual-report.pdf

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