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Online Writing Guide for Scientific & Technical Authors

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Word From a JRRD Technical Writer-Editor



Welcome!

Guide Will Offer—

- ▶ **Bimonthly writing topic**
 - ▶ Special bimonthly topic
 - ▶ Dos and don'ts
 - ▶ Tips and tidbits
- ▶ **Guest columnist**
- ▶ **Question and answer forum**

Guide differs from *JRRD Guidelines for Contributors*

- ▶ Clarifies “all” aspects of writing, to include—
 - Grammar
 - Word usage
 - Conciseness & brevity—Writing in plain language
 - Guidelines & policies, including *JRRD’s* Guidelines for Contributors
 - Reference manuals
- ▶ Is a “living” document and continually updated

Feature Edition: Writing Topics

- ▶ **Special bimonthly topic: Word usage**
 - General word examples
 - Technical word examples
- ▶ **Wordy phrases**
 - The key is compression, not omission
 - Watch out for redundancies

Tips and Tidbits

- ▶ **Abbreviations and acronyms**

Example: Spell out when first introduced in text, with the abbreviation or acronym in parentheses, e.g., traumatic brain injury (TBI).

- ▶ **Symbols and units of measure**

Example: Abbreviate when accompanied by a number; spell out when they are not.

Other Topics

- ▶ **Guest columnist**

Speak out!

Example: What do you think about the new clinical trials registry guidelines, authorship, conflicts of interests disclaimers, funding dilemmas, etc.

- ▶ **Question and answer forum**

- Do you have a writing pet peeve that has been bothering you for a while?
- How about a dilemma that you've encountered that you don't know how to address?