Online Writing Guide for Scientific & Technical Authors

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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

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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
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?