

Category	Clarification/Instructions	Correct	Incorrect
Title	Title should be in title case, i.e., capitalize first and all other words except for articles and prepositions, which should be in lowercase.	This Is an Example of a Correct Title Case Format	This is not a Correct example Of a Proper Title case
Acronyms	Spell out FFPE completely in first instance followed by abbreviation in parenthesis.	formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE)	formalin fixed paraffin embedded
	Spell out NGS completely in first instance followed by abbreviation in parenthesis.	next-generation sequencing (NGS)	next generation sequencing
Countries	Do not abbreviate countries, except for US (United States).	France United Kingdom	FR UK
Gene/protein nomenclature	Understand the use of genes versus proteins in your text. Italicize genes, but not proteins. Use proper HUGO gene nomenclature; visit: www.genenames.org	<i>CD274</i> is the gene for PDL1 <i>CD274</i> (alias <i>PDL1</i>)	<i>PDL1</i>
Grammar	Consider using “whereas” or “although” instead of “while” as explained here.	“Whereas” or “Although” are for contrasting statements	“While” is for simultaneous occurrences
	Use “To...” instead of “In order to...”	“To...”	“In order to...”
	One has “performed” a function rather than “carried out” a body.	“...performed...”	“...carried out...”
Hyphens	Adjective descriptors before a noun are hyphenated.	Real-time analysis	Real time analysis
	Adjective descriptors before a noun are hyphenated.	Wild-type genotype	Wild type genotype
	Adjective descriptors before a noun are hyphenated.	33-year-old male	33 years old male
Mass	Measures of mass can be abbreviated. Use proper symbols for measurements.	ng µg	nanogram ug, micrograms
Length	Measures of length can be abbreviated.	bps	base pairs
Time	Measures of time can be abbreviated.	yrs	years
Non-English words	Italicize non-English words (Latin)	<i>in situ</i> <i>in vitro</i> <i>in silico</i>	<i>in situ</i> <i>in vitro</i> <i>in silico</i>
Number listing	Number listing in a sentence: Do not enclose in parentheses, but use half parenthesis.	1) alpha, 2) bravo, 3) charlie	(1) alpha, (2) bravo, (3) charlie
Numbers in sentence	At the beginning of a sentence, numbers should be spelled out.	Nineteen samples were...	19 samples were...
	All other instances of a number within a sentence can be numerical.	There were 8 subjects...	There were eight subjects...
Numeric ranges	When measurement units “touch” the numbers [as with % or °C (Celsius degree)], include the unit after each number. Use “to” between numbers, not a hyphen.	87.3% to 97.1% 98°C to 103°C 5 to 10 days	87.3-97.1% 98-103 °C 5-10 days
References	Embed references as they are cited in the abstract text in parentheses. Do not use superscripts and footnotes. Format: (Last name of first author, et al, Journal Year)	...guideline recommendations on xyz (Smith, et al, Journal 2015).	...guideline recommendations on xyz. ¹
Restriction enzymes	Do not italicize restriction enzymes.	EcoRI	<i>EcoRI</i>
Trademarks	Do not use Registered® or Trademark™ symbols	Kleenex	Kleenex®
Versus	Spell out “versus” instead of “vs”	...x versus y...	...x vs y....
Virus names	Lowercase virus names and identify their scientific acronym in parentheses.	rhinovirus (HRV) human metapneumovirus (hMPV) coronavirus (COR)	Rhinovirus Human Metapneumovirus Coronavirus