

Category	Clarification/Instructions	Correct	Incorrect
<b>Title</b>	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
<b>Acronyms</b>	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
<b>Countries</b>	Do not abbreviate countries, except for US (United States).	France United Kingdom	FR UK
<b>Gene/protein nomenclature</b>	Understand the use of genes versus proteins in your text. Italicize genes, but not proteins. Use proper HUGO gene nomenclature; visit: <a href="http://www.genenames.org">www.genenames.org</a>	<i>CD274</i> is the gene for PDL1 <i>CD274</i> (alias <i>PDL1</i> )	<i>PDL1</i>
<b>Grammar</b>	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...”
<b>Hyphens</b>	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
<b>Mass</b>	Measures of mass can be abbreviated. Use proper symbols for measurements.	ng µg	nanogram ug, micrograms
<b>Length</b>	Measures of length can be abbreviated.	bps	base pairs
<b>Time</b>	Measures of time can be abbreviated.	yrs	years
<b>Non-English words</b>	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>
<b>Number listing</b>	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
<b>Numbers in sentence</b>	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...
<b>Numeric ranges</b>	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
<b>References</b>	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. <sup>1</sup>
<b>Restriction enzymes</b>	Do not italicize restriction enzymes.	EcoRI	<i>EcoRI</i>
<b>Trademarks</b>	Do not use Registered® or Trademark™ symbols	Kleenex	Kleenex®
<b>Versus</b>	Spell out “versus” instead of “vs”	...x versus y...	...x vs y....
<b>Virus names</b>	Lowercase virus names and identify their scientific acronym in parentheses.	rhinovirus (HRV) human metapneumovirus (hMPV) coronavirus (COR)	Rhinovirus Human Metapneumovirus Coronavirus