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# Essentials Of Writing Biomedical Research Papers. Second Edition (Family Medicine)



## Synopsis

Provides immediate help for anyone preparing a biomedical paper by giving specific advice on organizing the components of the paper, effective writing techniques, writing an effective results sections, documentation issues, sentence structure and much more. The new edition includes new examples from the current literature including many involving molecular biology, expanded exercises at the end of the book, revised explanations on linking key terms, transition clauses, uses of subheads, and emphases. If you plan to do any medical writing, read this book first and get an immediate advantage.

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"In summary, Zeiger's thoroughness, combined with the clarity of the examples used to illustrate each principle of clear writing, are the book's strengths. We recommend "Essentials of Writing Biomedical Research Papers" to students, editors, and writers at all levels who want to master IMRAD format or learn techniques that will improve their writing."--"American Medical Writers Association,"

An engaging and effective nuts-and-bolts approach to scientific writing. "...outstanding for its approach to the logic of presenting scientific work." - British Medical Journal review of first edition. Now revised and updated, this straightforward guide to biomedical writing helps authors understand

both what a well-written scientific research paper is and how to create such a work. *Essentials of Writing Biomedical Research Papers, Second Edition*, provides writers with specific, clear guidelines on word choice, sentence structure, and paragraph structure. In addition, it explains how to construct each section of a research paper, so that, ultimately, the paper as a whole tells a clear story and sends a clear message. New to This Edition! New examples from the current literature, including many involving molecular biology; Expanded exercises at the end of the book; Revised explanations on linking key terms, transitions clauses, uses of subheads, and emphases. The specific principles of effective biomedical writing are presented and explained, and then summarized in handy chapter checklists. Each section of the prototypical biomedical research paper is then systematically analyzed in terms of its function, content, organization, detail, and length. This section-by-section analysis covers the following: the introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, figures and tables, references, abstract, and title. Of special note: The book contains a full-length paper for readers to evaluate and revise in accordance with the book's principles and guidelines. Also from McGraw-Hill...Gehlbach: *Interpreting the Medical Literature*; Glantz: *Primer of Biostatics Books and Software*; Friedman: *Primer of Epidemiology*.

This is an exceptional book. It walks the reader through all stages of writing a biomedical paper, and exemplifies the saying that "clear writing means clear thinking". Even after having written or co-written perhaps 40 biomedical papers and grants, I found this book an eye-opener. I've worked with some excellent writers and re-writers on biomed papers, but Zeiger's book lays out for all of us what some top writers may do by instinct. She starts with word choice, sentence structure, then alternative paragraph structures. She practically shows you the nature of language and thought. She goes through the right way to produce biomed papers - if you ever thought the great, efficient writers had a rule book -you- never got, THIS is the rule book. If you ever had an introduction that sounded like the abstract, or a results sections that was unwieldy, or a discussion section that seemed to repeat the introduction - Zeiger lays out the hidden rules that most people would want to follow. Following her rules, from sentence to paragraph to section, creates a paper that invokes an instinctive sense of clarity in the reader. Many times I had the "Aha!" feeling. The book should be very useful for all kinds of clear writing, including research grants. I never took one of those "scientific writing" classes because I felt smart and fluent and the classes seemed pedestrian. If those classes had used this book, I would have been way ahead to have discovered this information twenty years ago.

I was put on to the first edition of this book years ago at a writing workshop. I quickly came to keep that first edition open by me as I worked through my own manuscripts. This new edition is still better. The author does a nice job with basics of writing and then works hard to put each phase of a biomedical article in context. Each chapter provides extensive examples of a block of text that could use some crafting, and then works through how the text could have been presented or revised to make it stronger. I recommend it to all of my graduate students and to young faculty I mentor.

This is an outstanding book on how to improve the writing of biomedical research papers. It is well organized, well presented and extremely helpful. I bought several writing books at the same time and this one stands out because not only is it a "how-to" book, but it is a workbook and mostly consists of exercises. There is plenty of space in the book to do the exercises right in the book. This is extremely important, because you can read about the rules for improving your writing, but you really don't learn how to use them until you practice rewriting actual sentences. Significantly, this book has dramatically improved my ability to edit my own papers, which has been one of my nagging writing weaknesses.

Was recommended in my manuscript writing class. Allows for practical exercises for correction of style which I did not find in many other books on the same subject. Does not cover review articles or case reports.

I use Zieger's chapters as a guide for my own writing as well as a training tool for my students. The easy to follow guidelines for writing at the end of every chapter are a plus, but the detailed examples are also extremely helpful. A must buy if you are looking for specific examples on how to improve your writing style and content.

Although the book got published in 1999, it is still an excellent book for students and professionals.

I had been really struggling to write my thesis, and my Supervisor recommended this helpful guide. Although directed toward research paper writing, the principles are transferable to thesis writing. It's very example based, and you get to practice new concepts as you go. It's good to have Mimi on my team!

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