

ScienceTextEdit

Scientific English Editing and Polishing

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Publishing a scientific paper can be a long and painful process – we help you to make it faster and easier!

I have a pleasure to present ScienceTextEdit's scientific English editing and polishing services, specializing in correcting texts written by non-native English authors of both European and other origins.

I have a long experience of working with people of scientific and technical backgrounds from various countries (Chinese, Korean, Japanese, Spanish, Polish, French, German, Danish, etc.). I have been involved in scientific paper correction, website creation and content maintenance for many years (see my profile in LinkedIn: <http://es.linkedin.com/in/ewagubb>).

ScienceTextEdit offers highly specialized, efficient and friendly services for natural sciences and technical communities – please contact us at support@sciencetextedit.com for paper submission or to obtain more information.

I enclose the details of the service below and hope to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely



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Our fields of expertise

We offer professional services in scientific paper editing for non-native English writers. We specialize in natural sciences. Our fields of expertise are:

- genomics, genetics
- molecular biology, biochemistry
- cell biology, cancer biology
- proteomics
- bio-medicine
- bio-agriculture
- bioinformatics
- other related fields – please contact us for more information

We also undertake corrections and polishing of general, business and reference letters, replies to referees, presentations, curriculum vitae, doctoral theses, etc.

We can edit and improve your English website contents, either in text or html/php/css formats.

How to apply

- Email us, attaching your document (.doc, .txt or html format) at support@sciencetextedit.com. We'll answer, within 24 - 48 hrs, giving the completion date and the total cost. Please let us know if you want to pay in euros or in dollars.
- After you confirm the order, the work will commence. Documents of up to 10000 words in length are usually ready within 2–10 working days.
- On completion, we send you the corrected document – normally as Word file (.doc or .docx) with tracking option activated. This means that you can view the original version, corrections introduced in that version or the final version of the edited text, all in the same file. You can also accept or reject the changes.
- We send you the invoice via email, with the details of the service and the total cost.
- You pay using PayPal (**you don't need a PayPal account**; any credit card is sufficient) or by bank transfer. Our invoice email will tell you how to pay – by a click on a button.

Pricing

In all cases we will correct grammar, spelling, punctuation and syntax. Technical terms will be verified. We might also introduce a certain amount of re-phrasing to make the text easier to understand, improving the sentence structure and replacing repetitive or inappropriate words. Very long sentences might be broken into two or more; very short phrases might need to be padded to avoid 'nursery English' style.

Final cost

The final cost is based on word count (excluding reference section but including figures' legends and descriptions). All texts are priced in the same way, i.e., 0.02 euros per word (20 euros per 1000 words).

If you prefer to pay in US dollars, the price per word will be converted to dollars according to the current exchange value.

Please let us know your currency of choice: dollars or euros.

For html/php formats, additional 1-2 cents per word will be charged, depending on the edition level necessary.

Minimal fee

There is a minimal fee of 20 euros or 25 dollars. What it means is that if the cost comes up to less than 20 €, the final price is still 20 €. This is because all projects, large or small, require a certain amount of administrative work, i.e. sending emails, making up invoices, bookkeeping, etc.

Frequently asked questions

Q: We were thinking of submitting our manuscript to be edited at our local school of English. Why are your services better?

A: I am sure that your local school of English will do an excellent job of correcting your grammar, spelling, punctuation, etc. However, in case of scientific and technical texts, understanding of scientific method and of particular subject matter is of utmost importance. No one can be an expert in everything – that's why we specialize in natural science texts. To avoid a possible distortion of intended meaning, the editor should be able to understand the methods, results and conclusions. This is particularly important for the difficult texts requiring a lot of re-phrasing and polishing; our service is specifically tailored for such manuscripts.

Q: What do you mean by "re-phrasing"?

A: Many texts, particularly those written by the authors whose mother tongue has syntax different from English (e.g. Chinese, Korean, etc.), suffer from faulty sentence structure. Often, this makes them very difficult to understand – the only remedy is to re-write the whole sentence, without losing the original meaning. This is not an easy task as it requires a thorough understanding of the subject matter – in fact, usually the whole paper has to be read and understood before such corrections can be undertaken.

Q: Why do you use the Word tracking system?

A: Apart from the normal grammar, punctuation and spelling a certain amount of re-phrasing and polishing is sometimes necessary.

We verify all the technical terms and have a careful look at the general text flow to spot possible repetitions or inconsistencies. We might recommend removal of some sentences, breaking some into shorter versions, adding some words or replacing them with more appropriate phrases.

Sometimes, we'll suggest inserting additional sentences to improve the logical flow of the manuscript. We also check figures and tables to make sure that they are consistent with their description in the main text. Similar, already published papers are often consulted to make sure that the intended meaning is preserved.

The changes can be sometimes quite substantial and need to be checked and confirmed by the authors, so we often add some comments in Word's tracking system or in a separate document.

Using this system, you can accept or reject the changes: either one by one or globally. Please let us know if you are not familiar with the system: we will send you detailed instructions.

Formats

We accept Word documents (.doc, .docx), plain text (.txt) and html/php files (for websites). We would like to have figures and tables included (either in the main text or as a separate file), if possible, to aid our understanding of the text.

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Email us at support@sciencetextedit.com, also see our website www.ScienceTextEdit.com for up-to-date information.

Confidentiality

We assure complete confidentiality: your document will be seen only by the editor in charge and, if necessary, by our scientific advisor. Neither the contents nor the submission of your text for editing will be discussed with anyone else.

We will keep your document for 2 calendar months from the date of the job's completion, after which period it will be removed from our system, unless you request that it should be deleted earlier or retained longer.