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I have been involved in editing scientific texts for 30 years, 10 years as an in-house copy editor and self-employed for 20 years. This combination of in-house experience and the opportunity to work on a wide range of scientific texts has been invaluable.

Today, I edit for various groups around the world: journal articles, training materials, books, technical projects, even typesetting exam solutions. I also undertake quality control projects to pass on some of my experience to new editors. The subject matter is almost always scientific and can be life sciences, environmental sciences, dental science, health sciences, mathematics, and so on.

I have a group of freelancers who work with me on some projects so that we can provide a regular service when required.

Send enquiries by email. The costs are reasonable and are usually based on the total word count, so send me the manuscript (or at least the total word count and a sample file) by email and I will give you a quote/further details by return email. Payment can be made by credit card at www.paypal.com or by bank transfer for institutional payments.

The work is usually completed within 5 working days and all of my clients send work regularly.

A typical job – a journal article pre-submission

As well as looking after the language, I also take care of all the requirements given in the Instructions to Authors for the journal that the author has chosen for the paper. This can include the artwork specifications. **TIP** I always recommend that authors tell the Managing Editor that the text has been corrected by a native English speaker. It shows that the author has taken the trouble to prepare the paper well and gives a good first impression.