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Summary of Experience:

- Expertise in delivering clear, concise, consistent, error-free and publication-ready manuscripts
- Edited over 2,000 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles
- Edit NIH grant proposals, regulatory FDA submissions, continuing medical education (CME) materials, academic monographs (books), PhD dissertations, textbooks, company websites, manuals, whitepapers, and medical newsletters
- Expertise in aligning manuscripts with industry-standard writing style guides, including AMA-11, APA, CSE, Chicago, IEEE, ACS, et al. Studied entire *AMA Manual of Style* and completed all 62 AMA-11 style quizzes
- Edited manuscripts from [84 areas of study](#) and over 20 medical specialties, including oncology, hematology, cardiology, infectious disease, and endocrinology. Click [here to view samples of my editing work](#).
- Provide English language review for multilingual authors (non-native speakers of English) from 30 countries.
- Adept at providing plain language summaries for lay audiences and patients

SKILL SETS AND AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Grammar, mechanics, and usage	<i>The AMA Manual of Style</i>	PubMed literature search
Scientific and medical copyediting	<i>The Chicago Manual of Style</i>	Editing of AI-generated text
Journal article publishing	<i>The APA Publication Manual</i>	US/British localization
FDA regulatory submissions	<i>The CSE Manual</i>	Adobe Acrobat
Editing of NIH grant proposals	Scientific/medical nomenclature	Microsoft Office Suite
Fact-checking and annotation	Equator Network guidelines	PerfectIt
Formatting references	GPP3, ICMJE guidelines	EndNote

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Freelance Medical Copy Editor at [American Psychiatric Association](#)

March 2025–present

- Provide copyediting editing, ensuring manuscripts published in the *American Journal of Psychiatry* are clear, concise, consistent, error-free and publication-ready
- Align manuscripts with *The AMA Manual of Style*

Freelance Medical Copy Editor at [American Academy of Sleep Medicine](#)

July 2024–present

- Provide quality-control editing, ensuring a manual of sleep medicine was clear, concise, consistent, error-free and publication-ready
- Align manuscripts with *The APA Manual of Style*

Freelance Medical Copy Editor at [Elevation Strategic Development, LLC](#)

March 2024–present

- Copyedit regulatory documents and FDA submissions
- Provide quality-control editing
- Align manuscripts with *The AMA Manual of Style*

Freelance Medical Copy Editor at [American Academy of Dental Sleep Medicine](#)

December 2023–present

- Edit peer-reviewed articles published in *The Journal of Dental Sleep Medicine*
- Provide quality control editing to ensure manuscripts are error-free and publication-ready, including fact-checking and ensuring internal consistency
- Align manuscripts with *The AMA Manual of Style*

Freelance Medical Copy Editor at [Physician's Weekly](#)

September 2023–November 2023

- Copyedited and proofread articles for *Physician's Weekly*, covering over 20 specialties, including oncology, hematology, cardiology, infectious disease, rheumatology, pulmonology, gastroenterology, and endocrinology
- Copyedited and fact-checked articles by medical subject-matter-experts on trending topics in medicine, summarizing the latest discoveries, findings, and updated clinical practice guidelines
- Proofread page layouts for online newsletters, meeting daily and weekly deadline

- Aligned texts with in-house style guide based on *The AMA Manual of Style* and *Steadman's Medical Dictionary*

Freelance Medical Copy Editor at [RnA Editing, LLC](#)

June 2022–present

- Copyedited a wide range of medical communication manuscripts from cardiology, hematology, thoracic and pulmonary surgery
- Aligned texts with *The AMA Manual of Style*
- Copyedited, proofread, and fact-checked scientific journal articles on hematology and shock, allogeneic cellular therapeutics using novel hemostatic agents, a phase-2 RCT of a treatment for COVID-19 patients with hypoxia and ARDS
- Edited and updated a website and blog posts of medical device company providing a clinical monitoring software for critical care, telemedicine, labor and delivery, and ICU rapid response

Freelance Copy Editor at [Academic English Solutions](#)

January 2007–present

- Copyedited over 2,000 peer-reviewed scientific journal articles
- Align manuscripts with various style manuals adopted by scientific and medical journals
- In-depth experience in editing scientific journal articles, dissertations, NIH grant applications, regulatory documents and FDA submissions, meta-analyses and systematic reviews, medical communication newsletters, and academic monographs (books).
- Extensive experience in meeting urgent deadlines for last-minute editing jobs
- Taught English for IMRD papers and dissertations to international researchers online by Zoom and Skype

ESL Tutor/ Copy Editor of Scientific Manuscripts

2004–2007

- Taught English to professors and graduate students from the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, including lessons on organizational and rhetorical structure of scientific journal articles.

- Taught advanced English grammar, mechanics, and usage to support writing IMRD papers
- Taught TOEFL test preparation

Academic Writing Instructor

2003–2004

University of Massachusetts, Continuing Education, Amherst, MA

- Taught Academic Writing to English language learners
- Taught organizational and rhetorical structure of IMRD papers and dissertations
- Taught advanced English grammar, mechanics, and usage to support writing IMRD papers

EDUCATION

- MEd, Education, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- Bachelor of Arts – BA, STEPEC, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
- Completed coursework on statistics, general chemistry, organic chemistry, biochemistry, molecular and cellular biology, epidemiology, medical terminology, and the biology of cancer

CERTIFICATIONS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- [Board-certified Editor in the Life Sciences](#) (BELS) (2022)
- Certificate in medical writing from the University of California San Diego, [Medical Writing Certificate Program](#) (June, 2023)
- Certificate for copyediting from the University of California San Diego [Copyediting Program](#) (2021)
- American Medical Writers Association's [Essential Skills certificates](#)
- [Recommendations from 84 clients on LinkedIn](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- [The effectiveness of turmeric supplementation in reducing low-density lipoprotein cholesterol in adults](#)
- [English for Research Papers: A Handbook for Brazilian Authors](#)

AFFILIATIONS

Editorial Freelancers Association (EFA)

The American Medical Writers Association

Board of Editors in the Life Sciences

Council of Science Editors