

**Scientific Writing Rubric**      **Rater** \_\_\_\_\_      **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Writer** \_\_\_\_\_      **Overall Score** \_\_\_\_\_ /20

**Document title** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Subscore = /8</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
- Does the introductory material provide sufficient depth for the reader to understand the problem under study?			
- Is the literature survey appropriate, thorough and accurate?			
- Is the hypothesis or problem clearly stated?			
- Are the proposed aims addressed in the results?			
- Is the content logically organized?			
- Are the figures and tables understandable?			
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- Is the vocabulary clear with minimal jargon and abbreviations?			
<b>Mechanics</b>	<b>Subscore = /5</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
- Is sentence construction and grammar correct?			
- Is spelled free of all but minor typographic errors?			
- Are all appropriate sections of the document included (e.g. Introduction, Background, Methods, Results, Abbreviations, etc.)			
- Are the document references accurate and consistent?			
- Were the publication rules of format followed?			
<b>Ethical Conduct</b>	<b>Subscore = /4</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
- Were ethical issues in the use of human or animal subjects for research addressed?			
- Did the majority of the content appear to be original material prepared by the presenter?			
- Was intellectual property appropriately identified and/or cited?			
- Were intellectual collaborators appropriately cited?			
<b>Overall Effectiveness</b>	<b>Subscore = /3</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
- Was the document coherent?			
- Were the results discussed in light of the hypothesis/aims?			
- Was the discussion appropriate (addressed all of results presented, avoided excessive speculation, considered limitations of data, etc.)?			

1 – Outstanding – 91-100% of items scored, “yes”.

2 – Good – 81-90% of items scored, “yes”.

3 – Adequate – 71-80% of items scored, “yes”.

4 – Deficient – 61-70% of items scored, “yes”.

5 – Poor - < 60% of items scored, “yes”.