AJN HOUSE STYLE

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Use UK/British spelling throughout

Incorrect Correct

program programme organized organised

ischemic, anemia, hemodynamic ischaemic, anaemia, haemodynamic

low to middle income low- to middle-income

peri operative, intra operative peri-operative, intra-operative

79 year old woman 79-year-old woman

e-mail email

19th to the 22nd July / 23 to 26 October 2012 19–22 July / 23–26 October 2012

et al et al

socioeconomic socio-economic health care healthcare

Use correct terminology

Incorrect Coucasian White

Avoid unnecessary full stops

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<u>Avoid using titles before names, and degrees/qualifications after author names</u> and in the Acknowledgements. <u>Use full names</u> if we have them.

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Standardise numbers, units and related spacing

0,2% [use a decimal point, not a decimal comma]

Correct

0.2 % 0.2%

 19.95 ± 6.46 19.95 ± 6.46

twenty one, ninety nine twenty-one, ninety-nine

>50 mmHg > 50 mmHg 6 - 12 ng/ml 6-12 ng/mL (see Fig. 1) (see Figure 1)

9 days nine days [write out numbers up to nine]

nineteen days 19 days [numerals for 10 or more]

 $\begin{array}{lll} 40\ 000\ 000 & 40\ \text{million} \\ \text{p value} & \text{P value} \\ \text{P=}0.003 & \text{P = }0.003 \end{array}$

P < 0.01 P = 0.008 [exact p value to 3 decimals]

P < 0.001 P < 0.001

p = 0.017 P = 0.017 [capital P]

NB: When there is no qualifier immediately before a number, there is no space between the sign and the number: e.g. the P value was >0.001; the difference was +23; the standard deviation was ± 10 . When the there is a qualifier directly associated with a number, as in an equation, there are spaces on either side: e.g. P < 0.001; P = 0.004; the mean value was 10 ± 3 .

<u>References</u>

In-text citations in square brackets, e.g. [6,12] and [2-5,18]. No spaces within brackets.

Bibliography – First six authors then a comma and et al.

Examples:

<u>Articles</u>: Levey AS, Eckardt KU, Tsukamoto Y, Levin A, Coresh J, Rossert J, et al. Definition and classification of chronic kidney disease: a position statement from Kidney Disease: Improving Global Outcomes (KDIGO). Kidney Int. 2005; 67:2089-2100.

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Correct use of dashes and their keyboard shortcuts

Em-dash (to separate extra information in a sentence)

Alt 0151 or Ctrl Alt – (minus sign on keypad)

En-dash (for ranges, e.g. 3.7–4.5)

Alt 0150 or Ctrl – (minus sign on keypad)