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WRITING TIP

GRAMMAR: Do you frequently use “respectively” or “respective” in your manuscripts? Experts say don’t. “These words may usually be omitted with advantage,” according to *The Elements of Style* by Strunk and White (pg. 86). Consider how avoiding their use makes the following sentences more clear and direct:

Don’t: “The control samples and the experimental samples gained by 6 ounces and 11 ounces, respectively.”

✓ Do: “The control samples gained 6 ounces, and the experimental samples gained 11 ounces.”

Don’t: “Review articles are cited by the names of their respective authors.”

✓ Do: “Review articles are cited by the names of their authors.”

SELECTING THE RIGHT JOURNAL

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