

# Grammarly a good tool for writing papers

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One of the major challenges we face at the Journal of Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery is major grammatical errors in the submitted manuscript. There are various reasons for this. One of the major reason is that English is not the primary spoken language in the sate and many a times it is not the language of communication among the surgeons. Also scientific writing requires a certain degree of skill which has a long learning curve specially for us where our first language is not English. For authors who face this difficulty I would recommend a software called Grammarly. This is an excellent software that helps in improving the quality of manuscript specially for authors whose first language is not English. The software has a free version and a paid version. The paid version along with doing a better job at improving the manuscript also has a plagiarism check function inbuilt into it. As plagiarism is one of the most common error done by authors and most of the times they themselves are unaware of the issue, Grammarly plagiarism check can greatly help in this.

Grammarly works in conjunction with Microsoft word and a plugin can be installed in word itself. When Grammarly plugin is activated in word, it scans the entire documents and comes up with suggestions to improve grammar and writing pattern for the article. I have found that this works better than the grammar check inbuilt into Microsoft word and is specially suitable for scientific manuscript writing.

For all the authors submitting their articles in MOA Journal, we would request them to make use of free version of Grammarly for basic polishing of the article. This will help save editors and reviewers time

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