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Advice on some specific language points can be seen at the **General Style Points** section.

General Style Points

The following points provide general advice on formatting and style.

- **Abbreviations:** In general, terms should not be abbreviated unless they are used repeatedly and the abbreviation is helpful to the reader. Initially, use the word in full, followed by the abbreviation in parentheses. Thereafter use the abbreviation only. Title should not contain abbreviations.
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1. Hussein A.A.E. CAD/CAM in prosthodontics: A gate to the future. *Int. J. Appl. Dent. Sci.* 2019, 5, 394–397. <https://www.oraljournal.com/pdf/2019/vol5issue3/PartF/5-3-68-474.pdf>
2. Raustia AM, Salonen MA, Pyhtinen J. Evaluation of masticatory muscles of edentulous patients by computed tomography and electromyography. *J Oral Rehabil.* 1996 Jan;23(1):11-6. doi: 10.1111/j.1365-2842.1996.tb00805.x. PMID: 8850155.

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1. Popescu SM, Dascălu IT, Scriciu M, Mercuț V, Moraru I, Țuculină MJ. Dental Anxiety and its Association with Behavioral Factors in Children. *Curr Health Sci J*. 2014 Oct-Dec;40(4):261-4. doi: 10.12865/CHSJ.40.04.05. Epub 2014 Dec 14. PMID: 26788356; PMCID: PMC4709712.
2. Vlăduțu D, Popescu SM, Mercuț R, Ionescu M, Scriciu M, Glodeanu AD, Stănuși A, Rică AM, Mercuț V. Associations between Bruxism, Stress, and Manifestations of Temporomandibular Disorder in Young Students. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2022; 19(9):5415. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19095415>

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2. Rosenstiel SF, Land MF, Fujimoto J. *Contemporary Fixed Prosthodontics*, Fourth ed. St. Louis, MI: Mosby Elsevier, 2006.

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2. Atherton, J. *Behavior modification* [Internet]. 2010 [updated 2010 Feb 10; cited 2010 Apr 10]. Available from:
http://www.learningandteaching.info/learning/behaviour_mod.htm
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