

General Information Regarding Creating Journal Quality Tables

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These tables generally follow APA format. Also, where possible, full tables are presented on a single page using single spacing to make the table easy to read. Once a manuscript is accepted for publication, the editors may ask authors to submit tables with double spacing and APA margins because that type of format has advantages for copy editing. Please remember that the tables are presented only as examples and that authors are expected to change formatting and content. In some cases, additional columns may be added. In other cases columns may be deleted. The primary objective is to provide the information readers need in a consistent format. When information such as standardized coefficients, semipartial correlations, and measures of effect size are not in the table, it needs to be presented in the text as appropriate. An over-reliance on the statistical significance of parameter estimates without attention to their substantive significance and interpretation is a serious weakness that should be avoided. As a general rule, use only two decimal places. The following site offers help on centering decimals: <http://oregonstate.edu/~acock/tables/center.pdf>