HTML Formatting in SciENcv

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By default, SciENcv outputs narrative sections with no formatting. Simple HTML tags can improve readability for reviewers. This works in the **Personal Statement** and **Contributions to Science** fields.

Quick Reference

Format	HTML	Format	HTML
Bold	`<b>text</b>`	Superscript	`<sup>text</sup>`
Italic	`<i>text</i>`	Subscript	`<sub>text</sub>`
Line break	` `	Paragraph break	`  `

Example 1: Contribution Header

BEFORE

Contribution 1: Bayesian approaches to clinical trial design. My work has focused on developing adaptive trial methods that incorporate prior information while maintaining frequentist operating characteristics acceptable to regulators.

AFTER

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Code: <b>Contribution 1: Bayesian approaches...</b><br>My work has focused on...
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Example 2: Structured Personal Statement

BEFORE

Overview: I am a clinical trialist with training in biostatistics and epidemiology. Expertise: My methodological work centers on causal inference and Bayesian adaptive designs. Commitment: I will contribute 20% effort annually to this project.

AFTER

Overview: I am a clinical trialist with training in biostatistics and epidemiology.

Expertise: My methodological work centers on causal inference and Bayesian adaptive designs.

Commitment: I will contribute 20% effort annually to this project.

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Code: <b>Overview:</b> I am...<br><br><b>Expertise:</b> My methodological...<br><br><b>Commitment:</b>...
```

Example 3: Scientific Notation and Gene Names

BEFORE

We observed viral titers of 10^8 copies/mL. The ACE2 receptor expression was elevated in 34% of samples. Analysis showed R2 = 0.91, p < 0.001.

AFTER

We observed viral titers of 10^8 copies/mL. The *ACE2* receptor expression was elevated in 34% of samples. Analysis showed R^2 = 0.91, p < 0.001.

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Code: 10<sup>8</sup> copies/mL... <i>ACE2</i> receptor... R<sup>2</sup> = 0.91
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Example 4: Highlighting Key Achievements

BEFORE

I have mentored 12 graduate students and 8 postdoctoral fellows, of whom 15 now hold independent faculty positions. I bring unique expertise from my training in both molecular biology and clinical medicine.

AFTER

I have mentored **12 graduate students** and **8 postdoctoral fellows**, of whom **15 now hold independent faculty positions**. I bring **unique expertise** from my training in both *molecular biology* and *clinical medicine*.

```
Code: mentored <b>12 graduate students</b> and <b>8 postdoctoral fellows</b>... <b>unique expertise</b>...
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Tips

- **Preview your PDF** after changes to confirm formatting renders correctly.
- **Keep it subtle.** Bold headers and line breaks are usually sufficient.
- **Citations don't need HTML.** The publication lists are handled separately by SciENcv.
- **Combine tags freely:** `<b><i>text</i></b>` produces bold italic text.