




# getwriting: A Minimal L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X Template For Journal Articles

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## Abstract

This is an example of the document that can be generated with the `getwriting` class. I usually use this template or minor variations thereof to write manuscripts.

This is a tidy, minimal, readable, *good enough* format that has everything you need and nothing you don't. I offer a quick start to writing articles by including commonly used packages and a template that matches the general format of most journal articles. I have kept available options to the bare minimum. If you really want to tweak something, edit the `cls` file. If you need to reformat your document for journals later, it's easy to copy and paste from this template as there are no custom sections.

**Don't waste time formatting your document, just start writing.**

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## 1 Introduction

**How to use this template:** Import all files in this repository into Overleaf (yes, Overleaf, since it has the best package manager and managing L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X packages on a personal installation is a nightmare and **you should be writing**. Keep this tex file around for reference. Use a copy of this file to get started writing and fill in all the sections. **I used the XeLaTeX compiler.**

This document uses the beautiful and free Atkinson Hyperlegible font, which is designed for

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low-vision readers. You should consider doing the same. The TrueType font files are included with this template and you can download the font from the Braille Institute here: <https://brailleinstitute.org/freefont>.

Previous work has shown something, but not this, and I have cited a paper.<sup>1</sup>

Look, this is a new paragraph. **And here is some bold text.** I can even *italicize* text.

I can refer to subsequent sections and elements like so: [section 2](#) and modify the display text like so: [Look at figure 1!](#).

## 1.1 Disclaimers

This is a numbered subsection, by the way.

**This template is provided as-is** and I take no responsibility for any errors/disasters. I'm not a  $\text{\LaTeX}$  expert even though I can typeset  $\text{\LaTeX}$  and I can even cite papers<sup>1</sup> and cross-reference equations ([Equation 1](#)). Play with the .cls file, look it up on StackOverflow and/or the Overleaf documentation, do whatever you like.

## 2 Results

### 2.1 Citations and cross-references

Here are some magnificent results. Previous work has shown something, but not this, and I have cited a paper.<sup>1</sup>

Here's how to cross-reference a table: [Table 1](#)

Here is how I would typeset the name of a software package: `software`

### 2.2 All About Figures

Here is even more data. I can reference a figure to support my point [section 7](#). You can find this figure in [section 7](#). You can even refer to a supplementary figure: [section 8](#). Note the difference in the figure title format. This is set by a renewcommand line in the [Supplementary Information section](#).

Speaking of figures, here are the rules for this minimal template. Most of these rules apply to tables as well apart from the ones that don't.

- Figures must all be in a section at the end. Don't bother trying to have the figures near where you reference them. This is a futile, time- consuming exercise & **you should be writing, not formatting**. Notice how I formatted the ampersand (&).
- Each figure must start on a new page. This is the only clean way.

## 3 Materials and Methods

## 4 How to Format

### 4.1 All About Text Formatting

You should almost never highlight text, but here's how you can: **this is a highlighted phrase**.

Consider *italics*, **bold** or *emphasis* instead.

Write inline math like this ( $\sqrt{-1}$ ), Greek letters like this ( $\alpha$ ), inline math and Greek together like this ( $\alpha + \beta = \gamma$ ), and basic chemical formulae or any text requiring super/sub-scripts in math mode like this  $O_2$ ,  $O^2$ ,  $O_{1,2,3}$ .

### 4.2 All About Equations

I can refer to equation eq:refname like so: this is some text about [Equation 1](#) and I can also modify display text in the hyperlink like this ([Equation 1 This is a string](#))

$$\cos^3 \theta = \frac{1}{4} \cos \theta + \frac{3}{4} \cos 3\theta \quad (1)$$

## 5 All About Lists

I can list things like this:

- First item in a list
- Second item in a list

Or even like this:

71       • First item in a list

72       • Second item in a list

73   ***But I really prefer multi-level lists like this:*** I have pre-set the `enumerate` package options  
74 to show Arabic numerals for level 1, lower-case alphabet for level 2, and lower-case Roman  
75 numerals for level 3. This is a sensible default and you're unlikely to gain much from changing  
76 them.

77       1. First item in an outline

78           a) Second item in an outline

79               i) Third item in an outline

80       2. Fourth item in an outline

81           a) Fifth item in an outline

## 82   **6 Discussion**

83   All rules are meant to be broken (for good reasons). Use this template as just that, a *tem-*  
84 *plate*.

85                                   ***Happy writing!***



Figure 1: **Here is the title of my caption** Here is text describing each panel in this figure.

This is a photograph by Bob Brewer and incidentally this is how you typeset a URL: <https://unsplash.com/photos/sFsumfD7Pbs>

## 8 Tables

Rules for tables:

- Each table goes on a new page. All tables should be in this section.
- I only use the longtables and booktabs packages, regardless of the length of the tables. These produce beautiful and readable tables. It's easy to generate longtable code from a CSV with Pandas: [https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/reference/api/pandas.DataFrame.to\\_latex.html](https://pandas.pydata.org/docs/reference/api/pandas.DataFrame.to_latex.html)
- The makecell command allows multi-lined cells.

An example table (Table 1) will start on the next page.

Table 1: Here’s a table made with longtable and booktabs.  
This is the loooooong caption.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Row 1	something	anything
Row 2	something	anything
Row 3	something	anything
Row 1	something	anything
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Table 1: This is the SHORT caption that is shown when a table continues to the next page

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Row 3	something	anything
Row 1	something	anything
Row 2	something	anything
Row 3	something	anything



## 96 **Funding**

97 Thanks for the money.

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99 Shoutout to all my friends.

## 100 **Abbreviations**

101 **HIV:** human immunodeficiency virus; **DNA:** deoxyribonucleic acid

## **Supplementary Information**

Supplementary Information should start on a new page.

The redefinitions below will make sure that your supplementary figures and tables are referred to as 'Supplementary Figure X' and 'Supplementary Table Y' respectively.



Supplementary Figure 1: **Here is a VERTICAL figure that I have CENTERED.** Here is text describing each panel in this figure. This is a photograph by Andreas Dress and you can find the original here: <https://unsplash.com/photos/NNe6epzHGm8>

107 **Supplementary Tables**

108 Add some tables here.

## 109 **References**

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