## **Editorial and Proofreading Notation**

ambig. Ambiguity should be resolved cite The full bibliographic record must be included colog. Avoid colloquialisms and jargon in formal writing cont. Avoid contractions in formal writing dang. Avoid dangling referents such as in the sentences 'They found . . . .' and 'This means . . . .' (Who are 'they'? This what?)  $def^{\underline{n}}$ ? Key terms should be defined earlier In a summary the key terms should be explained not merely referred to. expand Expand acronyms and abbreviations at first use except for the very common non-technical abbreviations such as the usual Latin ones (for example, 'a.m.', 'e.g.', 'et al.', 'etc.', 'i.e.', 'p.m.'), names of days and months, academic degrees (e.g. PhD), names of countries (e.g. UK, USA), GMT for standard time, units of measure, and US states in addresses. hyph Use hyphen (-) not dash (- or —) (en dash) is for ranges of numbers (em dash) is the usual dash or vice versa m/u Your meaning is unclear — make it easier to understand N/S Not a sentence Paragraphs must be clearly delineated by vertical space, indentation, or both para proof? Factual claims must be justified by evidence or by citations to work that include evidence p.#? missing page number • Page numbers are required for quotations. Remember that copying illustrations is the same as quoting. QMore detail is needed rel? You must explain why this passage is relevant When you describe experimental method (or include any detail from an experiment or study) that detail must be clearly relevant to the point of your summary. If the reason for including the detail is not obvious then you must make the reason clear to your reader. ref References must be parenthetical. Do not use references as nouns. References should not need to be read aloud for sentences to make sense. For example As [1] says . . . Wrong! As (Jones, 1993) says . . . Wrong! As Dillon [1] says . . . **Better** As Jones (1993) says . . . Better *In the previous reading* [1] . . . **Better** In the previous reading, Jones (1993) . . . **Better** It has been shown that . . . (Jones, 1993). Better It has been shown that . . . [1]. Better symbol Use the appropriate symbol (examples follow) minus is - not - (hyphen) multiplication is  $\times$  not lowercase X stet Do not change ignore other editorial mark than? Comparisons must be complete e.g., do not write 'X is better' without making it clear what X is better than

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