

Pre-editing checks for copy-editors

From August 2023, you will see that the papers you are sent for copy-editing have parts of the text highlighted in red, blue or green. These changes are made by the updated FRedit macro script, and the old pink pre-editing macro has been retired.

The different text colours indicate the following:

Red= text or symbols changed by FRedit

Blue= text highlighted to check

Green= leave for the Editorial Office to check

- Please scan through the manuscript to ensure that the FRedit changes in red look OK. You will be sent two versions of the manuscript in Word: XX XXXX Smith (pre FRedit) and XX XXXX Smith for editing (post FRedit).
- If there is something that doesn't look right, check it against the pre-FRedit version and either change it yourself if you are sure, or let the EO know when you return the manuscript. For example, FRedit may have changed a hyphen in a grant code or product code to an en-rule, and this would need to be changed back to a hyphen (we try to exclude these when we run FRedit, but we may miss some).
- The blue text will now include some of the items that were in the old pink macro. Please check these terms to see if it would be appropriate to make changes or raise a query, depending on the context.
- Ignore any text in green – these are points for the EO to check before we send the paper for typesetting.
- Please leave the colours when you return the manuscript, as this helps us when checking. We will change the text to black before sending the manuscript to the author.
- Note that some of the items from the old macro have been moved to Perfectit instead of being included as coloured FRedit text.
- Note that the FRedit and Perfectit macros are not perfect! There are a few things that are difficult for FRedit to recognise (for example terms based on wild-cards with alternative capitalisation) and there are points where the most appropriate action will depend on the context. Please always use your judgement when editing. Let us know if you have any comments or suggestions and we can add them to our lists of FRedit and Perfectit tweaks, and make updates where practical.

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