

Letters

New Book about Writing Skills for Students

I enjoyed reading the article “Using the ACS Journals Search To Validate Assumptions about Writing in Chemistry and Improve Chemistry Writing Instruction” by Robinson, Stoller, and Jones in this *Journal* (1). I want to point out that these same techniques are included in a new textbook by the same authors, *Write Like a Chemist*, published this summer by Oxford University Press (2). The text is designed to teach students the writing skills required by career chemists: a journal article, a scientific poster, and a research proposal. I had the opportunity to use a draft of this text in my “Writing for Chemists” course at California State University, Los Angeles. I highly recommend it for anyone teaching an upper-division writing class for chemistry majors.

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