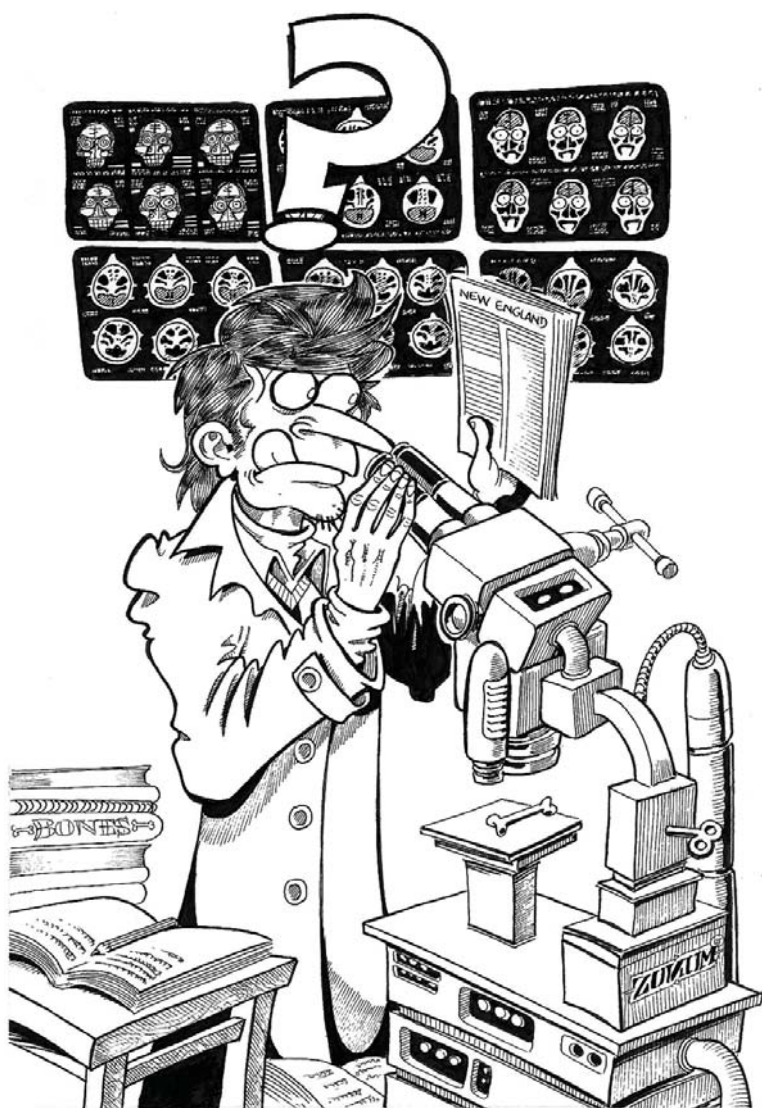


## UNIT III



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# Unit III Scientific Literature

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## Writing an Article

This chapter is not intended to be a “Guide for Authors” such as those that you can find in any journal. Our main advice is: do not write the paper first in your own language and then translate it into English; instead, do it in English directly.

### Preliminary Work

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When you have a subject that you want to report, first of all you need to look up references. You can refer to the *Index Medicus* (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=PubMed>) to search for articles. Once you have found them, read them thoroughly and underline those sentences or paragraphs that you think you might quote in your article.

Our advice is not to write the paper in your own language and then translate it into English; instead, do write in English directly. In order to do so, pick up, either out of these references, or out of the journal in which you want your work to be published, the article that you find closest to the type of study that you want to report.

Although you must follow the instructions of the journal to which you want to send the paper, here we will use a standard form that may be adequate for most of them. In each section, we will give you a few examples just to show how you can get them from other articles.

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#### *Title*

The title of the article should be concise but informative. Put a lot of thought into the title of your article.