

## Drafts of Results

1. Remind reader of Methods without going overboard. Generally, a reminder is not a repeat of the Methods in full sentences ... it means use phrases, e.g., “GC/MS results indicated ...” or “ICP-MS results indicated ...”, or one sentence at most.
2. Acknowledge and/or present the point that calibration was part of the process of obtaining results, but don't go overboard here either. Calibration is mostly a Methods issue, because it is standard operating procedure to calibrate instruments. How much presentation of the calibration is really necessary in the Results? There should be a specific reason to include anything from the calibration in the Results.
3. Don't repeat yourself within a single section. If you said it once, don't say it again.

4. Follow the move structure and use the proper tense. See Table 4.1, p. 148.

Past tense = describe what happened or did not happen, describe what was done

Present tense = state a truth, refer to a figure or table

5. Focus on the main results, not every detailed result, i.e., averages are more useful than data from every run. (NMR spectrum is an average of many scans – we don't show every scan).
6. What is the best way to show your data? A table or figure? Know when to make a scatter plot vs. histogram plot.
7. Format your graphics (tables and figures) properly.
8. As: p. 4 Method and p. 23 Results  
Smoke: p. 2 Method Overview and p. 15 Results