Commonly Identified Errors:

Spelling Errors:

Error Type	Example of Error	Explanation of Error	Example of Correction
Simple Spelling Errors	*"The authors searched for relevant studeies using Google Scholar."*	"Studies" is spelt incorrectly.	*"The authors searched for relevant **studies** using Google Scholar."*
Space Missing Between Words	*"We measured the heart rateand blood pressure of each patient."*	No space between "rate" and "and".	*"We measured the **heart rate** and blood pressure of each patient."*
Duplicated Words	*"We measured measured the heart rate and blood pressure of each patient."*	"Measured" is repeated.	*"We **measured** the heart rate and blood pressure of each patient."*

Grammatical Errors:

Error Type	Example of Error	Explanation of Error	Example of Correction
Missing Articles (a/an/the)	*"We measured heart rate and blood pressure of each patient."*	Missing article ("the") between "measured" and "heart".	*"We measured **the** heart rate and blood pressure of each patient."*
Misuse of Prepositions (e.g., in/at/on/of/for/to)	*"We believe this treatment plan is beneficial for the treatment of patients for hospital."*	Incorrect preposition used – should be "in" rather than "for".	*"We believe this treatment plan is beneficial for the treatment of patients **in** hospital."*
Subject-Verb Agreement (Singular vs Plural Subjects and Verbs)	*"We found five genes that is upregulated in cancer."*	Incorrect verb used – as the noun "gene" is plural ("gene**s**"), the attached verb should also be plural ("are").	*"We found five genes that **are** upregulated in cancer."*
Verb Tenses (Incorrect Tense Used)	*"As our results shown, this treatment plan appears to be beneficial for the treatment of patients."*	The results are currently being presented, so present tense should be used in this sentence ("show").	*"As our results **show**, this treatment plan appears to be beneficial for the treatment of patients."*
Noun Number (Incorrect Use of Plurals)	*"We found five gene that are upregulated in cancer."*	As there is more than one gene (five), the noun "gene" should be plural ("gene**s**"), not singular.	*"We found five **genes** that are upregulated in cancer."*

Missing Words:

Error Type	Example of Error	Explanation of Error	Example of Correction
Missing Words	*"Patients under the age of 18 excluded from the current study."*	The word "were" is missing from the sentence. Note that the word after the missing word will be highlighted in the MLA report.	*"Patients under the age of 18 **were** excluded from the current study."*