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*Expert scientific editor with
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SUMMARY

• Advanced Professional member of the Society for Editors and Proofreaders • Nine years' professional biomedical editing experience • Eight years' research experience in academia, pharmaceutical industry, UK and abroad • Meticulous and highly attentive to detail • Accustomed to managing multiple conflicting deadlines • Confident communicating with colleagues and collaborators at all levels •

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Oct 2011—present: Editor and translator; director

NeuroEdit Ltd, Leeds, UK (previously Bordeaux, France)

- **Background:** I set up a freelance business in 2011 and grew it to a successful company, which I incorporated in 2016. I now manage a team of 10 freelancers alongside my own editorial work.
- **Work:** Editorial support at all levels, from developmental editing, language editing and copy editing to proofreading and quality control. Assisting authors at all stages of the publication process, including developing effective abstracts and cover letters. Writing detailed reports on developmental edits to help authors improve. Translating biomedical manuscripts and medical examination questions from French to English. Managing a team of freelance editors, proofreaders and an illustrator.
- **Clients:** Publishers (e.g. Springer Nature, Cambridge University Press); medical communications companies (e.g. HealthCare21, Elevate Scientific); author services companies (e.g. Edanz, Charlesworth Group); individual researchers around the world.
- **Materials:** Biomedical journal and book manuscripts, substantial grant applications, conference posters, PowerPoint slide decks, websites.

Jul 2009—Sep 2010 and Dec 2012—Apr 2016: Scientific specialist

Arnold and Porter LLP, London, UK

- Summarised long scientific documents, translated medical and scientific articles from French, created lay glossaries of technical terms, proofread and fact-checked expert witness reports.

Sep 2005—Oct 2011: Pro bono editorial support

GlaxoSmithKline, Essex, UK; UCL, London, UK; CNRS, Bordeaux, France

- Proofread and edited research manuscripts, conference posters and slide decks for colleagues.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Nov 2010—Jun 2012: Postdoctoral researcher (Ingénieur d'études)

French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS), Bordeaux, France

- **Field: addiction.** Part of a multi-site, interdisciplinary team investigating the role of the subthalamic nucleus in drug addiction.
- Performed stereotaxic surgery and drug self-administration in rats, behavioural assessment of rat models of addiction, plus data analysis and record keeping. Presented research results to the lab and to visiting collaborators.

Sep 2006—Sep 2010: PhD Neuroscience

UCL, London, UK

- **Field: ADHD.** Studied the behavioural and molecular responses to amphetamine in the neurokinin-1 receptor knock-out mouse. Commended for the high quality of writing in my thesis.
- Supervised four students through their research projects (summer placement, BSc, MSc and a first year PhD rotation student).

Sep 2004—Jul 2006: MSc Neuroscience (with industry research project)

Institute of Psychiatry, King's College London, UK, and GlaxoSmithKline, Essex, UK

- **Field: schizophrenia.** Investigated the effects of phencyclidine and neonatal isolation on excitatory and inhibitory neurotransmission in the rat forebrain.
- Installed HPLC systems and successfully set up and validated HPLC protocols in the Neurology department. Contributed to the development of a novel liquid chromatography / tandem mass spectrometry assay and co-authored a paper describing the technique.

Sep 2000—Jun 2004: BSc (Hons) Pharmacology with Industrial Experience

University of Manchester, UK and Sanofi, Northumberland, UK

- **Field: cancer.** Initiated computer simulation of clinical trials at the site, largely independently, and used it to predict cancer drug responses in people. Created a department-specific user manual for the simulation software and contributed to an external poster presentation.
- **Field: epilepsy.** Dissertation topic was epilepsy and its treatment.

PROFESSIONAL ACCREDITATION

2017: Board of Editors in the Life Sciences, USA *Editor in the Life Sciences (ELS)* certification

2016: Society for Editors and Proofreaders, UK *Advanced Professional* membership

CONTINUED PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Regularly attend editorial and scientific conferences (SfEP 2015–2018; BNA 2017; FENS 2018)
- Member of editorial and scientific societies (SfEP, BELS, EASE; BNA, FENS) and actively participate in online industry forums and local industry meetings
- Undertake training courses (SfEP courses: Introduction to copy-editing, Editing in Word, References) and self-directed learning from books, online sources and industry publications

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND PUBLICATONS

J Slone-Murphy “Introduction to medical editing” *Training session presented at the Society for Editors and Proofreaders annual conference, Lancaster University, Lancashire, September 2018.*

J Slone-Murphy “Academic editing: behind the scenes of research communication” *Seminar presented to neuroscientists and psychologists at the University of St Andrews, Fife, September 2018.*

J Slone-Murphy, CE Price, SP Hunt (2009) “Amphetamine increases activation of ERK in cholinergic neurons of the basal forebrain in NK1R^{-/-} mice” *Conference paper presented at the British Association for Psychopharmacology Summer Meeting, Oxford, July 2009.*

J Slone-Murphy, JE McCutcheon, SC Stanford, SP Hunt (2008) “Amphetamine-induced responses in NK1 receptor knockout and wild-type mice” *Conference paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Washington DC, November 2008. £800 travel grant awarded from Brain.*

AJ Shah, R de la Flor, A Atkins, **J Slone-Murphy**, LA Dawson (2008) “Development and application of a liquid chromatography / tandem mass spectrometry assay for measuring N-acetylaspartate, N-acetylaspartylglutamate and glutamate in brain slice superfusates...” *J Chromatogr B 876(2):153–8.*

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

General IT

Microsoft Word (advanced),
Excel, PowerPoint

Content management systems
e.g. WordPress, custom

Social media, esp. Facebook,
Twitter, LinkedIn, Hootsuite

Specialist IT

LaTeX

Prezi

Reference management
software (EndNote, Mendeley)

Research databases including
British Library On Demand

Languages

English (native speaker)

French (professional proficiency)

Polish (conversational proficiency)