Some rules of good scientific writing

- Koz'ma Prutkov used to say: “If you can abstain from writing – do not write!”
- “When in doubt – cross it out”. Try it; it really works miracles!
- The contents of a section should match its title
- An equation appearing in the text should never be left uncommented, unless it is an intermediate step in a derivation
- Sentences cannot start with “So” or “Also”
- It is usually better to use past indefinite tense (as opposed to past perfect, or past continuous), if possible
- Saying “This was demonstrated by J. Doe (1905)” is correct, while saying “This was demonstrated in J. Doe (1905)” is not
- Things to be compared shall be presented in a similar manner (e.g., on graphs with the same scale)
- This one is a must: read the finished manuscript!