

APPENDIX C: TAXONOMY OF REVISION CHANGES

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Surface Changes	
Formal Changes	Meaning-Preserving Changes
Spelling	Additions
Tense, number, and modality	Deletions
Abbreviations	Substitutions
Punctuation	Permutations
Format	Distributions
	Consolidations
Text-Based Changes	
Micro-structure	Macrostructure
Additions	Additions
Deletions	Deletions
Substitutions	Substitutions
Permutations	Permutations
Distributions	Distributions
Consolidations	Consolidations

The terms included in the table have the following meanings:

Substitutions: exchange words for others; keeping the same meaning.

Deletions: delete a word without transforming the meaning of the sentence.

Permutations: reorganize words or phrases; paraphrasing.

Microstructure changes: reorganize small parts of paragraphs without changing the meaning of the text.

Macrostructure changes: transform the idea or message of the draft; paragraphs may be deleted, added, rearranged and finally combined.