

Show an increase/decrease

The following revisions are taken from a report by a Thai-speaking student of Chemical Engineering

	Originals	Revisions
1	The graph ... may be shown little increase above a diameter of 1.1mm ...	The graph ... may show little increase above a diameter of 1.1 mm ...
2	The drag coefficient has small decrease in those diameter's rank.	The drag coefficient shows only a small decrease for that range of diameters
3	The results give the terminal velocities increase ...	The results show the increase in terminal velocities ...

The three extracts from the student's draft show problems that the student has within a relatively short stretch of text with the expression *Show an increase/decrease*.

During the consultation we looked briefly at some typical examples of the expression in use as shown by the following citations:

1 (Fig. 20), cultured pro-T cells showed a 20-fold increase in the expression of low affinity
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2 ronegative individuals. Table 4 shows a corresponding increase in the prevalence of HCV
antib
3 of the children (K.C. and Y.Y.) showed a distinct increase in staining of the larger HDL
subc
4 he main culprits. Data for 1990 show an increase in production of sulphur dioxide, a key
comp
5 he larger HDL subclass, and all showed an increase in HDL-2 (10-12 nm) relative to the
smalle
6 tibody-binding studies have not shown an increase in cell surface HLA-A2 after MA2.1
antibody
7 .A. Placebo-formula-fed infants showed an increase in arachidonic acid between 6 and 30
weeks
8 FLAT Study and the Umea Study showed an increase in vascular events among those enrollees
w
9 taking the drug. Most patients showed a rapid increase in the number of CD4 lymphocytes,
the
10 ems, including asthma, which is showing a rapid increase in incidence in many Western
countri
11 ntartctic. All of these sections show a similar positive increase in dl3C during the 200 kyr
i
12 the research. Other disciplines showing a steady increase in international collaboration
are
13 roup, the high-frequency groups showed a substantial increase in both the excitatory
postsyna
14 hed grassland. Both experiments show a decrease in evaporation 1--16 mm month-1 in ref. 19
(f
15 ns of the fetuses they produced showed a marked decrease in the outgrowths from nerve cells
a
16 genic mice expressing IgM alone show a more marked decrease in lysozyme binding which is
dire
17 . If your graphs and charts are showing an overall decrease in weight, then you know you
are
18 n technique. Expression of Lox2 showed a relative decrease in the most posterior ganglia
betw
19 0 per cent polyester underpants showed a significant decrease in the proportion of potent
to

20 t layer the B89-1 data does not show a substantial decrease of gaseous nitric acid. We note
t

The first extract from the draft shows a problem with the transitivity of the expression, the student attempting a passive construction. The second and third extracts show problems with the collocating verb, *have*, and *give* being used instead of *show*. In that context, *give* does collocate with *decrease/increase*, but with the meaning of 'cause', 'lead to' rather than 'exhibit', 'demonstrate'.

21 adding antibody to the assay only gave a modest increase. Figure 2b shows the results of
expe
22 2 per cent in UVB, which in turn gives an increase of between 2 and 4 per cent in the
incide
23 oint out that their climate model gives an overall temperature increase of 4.8 degrees C
for
24 en irradiation, which have so far given at most a twofold increase in Jc at 77 K (in thin
fil

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