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Instructions and Advice to Authors
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Tables should be presented in MS Word Table format (to create: Table > Insert > Table).

Designing quantitative tables:

When readers are asked to compare values (frequency or percentage values) within a table, they should be able to do this by moving their eyes across rather than up and down the page. In other words, comparisons among values (e.g., numbers that represent measurements at different sites or assemblages) are most easily made *horizontally* among columns (across the page) rather than *vertically* among rows (down the page). Try to design your tables accordingly.

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Basic concepts of data presentation are well presented in Banning (2000:Chapter 2) and Lewis (1986:278-282) discusses how to design tables.

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