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Besides assisting in clearing up issues in specific cases, the pilot program might also establish a mechanism to address small but widespread issues. An example: Recently several practitioners have apparently received objections for having Abstracts of less than 50 words. Several very experienced practitioners apparently found this ground of objection to be a new phenomenon, and one that does not seem supported by the rules. Continuing with this example, in any individual case, a practitioner is likely to simply add more words to the Abstract. An ombudsman mechanism might be developed to track, and address, small but widespread issues to improve the process.

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