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## Ignoring Word Order

MetaMap was originally developed to process articles in the biomedical literature, and consequently depended on the word order of standard written English. As uses of MetaMap have expanded to clinical notes, lists of terms, and other texts that may not always contain standard written English, many users have found the `--ignore_word_order` or `-i` option useful to increase recall.

For example, the strings

*right atrial pressure mean*  
*disease scalp*

will map to

Mean right atrial pressure (C0456184)  
scalp disease (C0406629)

with `--ignore_word_order`, but not without.