Research related to Classifiers at Salk Institute uses SignWriting

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Salk Institute is well-known and famous for research on ASL and how it relates to the brain.

Salk Institute also has other projects related to ASL; for example, studies concerning classifiers.
Until now, Salk Institute used English gloss for general transcription of ASL. Really, English gloss has no way to record classifiers. So, researchers decided to use SignWriting to record classifiers.
How is the SignWriter Newsletter Prepared?

First, Deaf authors write the articles by hand directly in American Sign Language (ASL) in SignWriting. No English gloss is used. Below is Darline Clark’s handwriting, written while Kevin and Darline composed the article in ASL together. Darline wrote the signs as a left-handed signer, since Darline is left-handed herself. The notes below were written in around 20 minutes, on February 28th, 1997:
Second, a member of the DAC types the article, creating a document in the SignWriter® Computer Program. It is typed directly in ASL, with no English. In this case, Dave Gunsauls typed the newsletter on March 5th, 1997:
This article can be accessed on the World Wide Web.

Come visit the SignWritingSite at:
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