



## Quick Reference to AMA Style Reference Lists (11<sup>th</sup> Edition)

### General Rules

#### Reference List

- References are listed numerically in the order they are cited in the text. Two references should not be combined under a single reference number.
- Use the author's surname followed by initials without periods or spaces. The names of all authors should be given unless there are more than 6, in which case the names of the first 3 authors are used, followed by “et al.” Do not use *and* between names.
- References to material not yet accepted for publication or to personal communications (oral, written, and electronic) are not acceptable and instead should be included parenthetically in the text.
- Abbreviate and italicize names of journals. Use initial capital letters. Abbreviate according to the listing in the PubMed Journals database. For information on how journal title abbreviations are constructed, see <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov.proxy.cc.uic.edu/books/NBK7282/box/A33351/?report=objectonly>
- In article titles, capitalize only the first letter of the first word, proper names, and abbreviations that are ordinarily capitalized in the reference.

#### In-text Citations

- Use Arabic superscript numerals *outside* periods and commas, *inside* colons and semicolons. When more than 2 references are cited at a given place in the manuscript, use hyphens to join the first and last numbers of a closed series; use commas without spaces to separate other parts of a multiple citation.

As previously,<sup>1,3-8,19</sup>  
The derived data were as follows<sup>3,4</sup>:

### Minimum information required by type with examples

#### Scholarly Article

When the DOI is provided, it is preferable to cite it rather than the URL. *Note:* The DOI is provided immediately after “doi:” with no spaces.

If there is no DOI, then include the URL and accessed date for articles accessed electronically.

#### *Electronic article: minimum information*

Author(s). Title. *Journal Name*. Year;vol(issue #):inclusive pages. DOI.

#### *Print article: minimum information*

Author(s). Title. *Journal Name*. Year;vol(issue #):inclusive pages.

#### Examples:

Wheelis M. Investigating disease outbreaks under a protocol to the biological and toxin weapons convention. *Emerg Infect Dis*. 2000;6(6):595-600. Accessed October 26, 2010. <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/eid/vol6no6/wheelis.htm>.

Lissarassa YPS, Vincensi CF, Costa-Beber LC, et al. Chronic heat treatment positively impacts metabolic profile of ovariectomized rats: association with heat shock response pathways. *Cell Stress Chaperones*. 2020;25(3):467-479. doi: 10.1007/s12192-020-01087-z.

#### Book (print, electronic, or chapter)

Regardless of the book type, include any of the following elements that are known in this order: Author(s) (whole book or chapter), Chapter title, Editors (if second or above) and translators, Book title with subtitle, Volume number and title (when there is more than 1), Publisher name, Copyright year, page numbers. Examples below do not include all possible elements.

#### *Print book: minimum information*

Author(s). *Book Title*. Volume # and title. Edition #. Publisher name; copyright year.

#### Example:

Walker J, Pollard, J, Murray E. *Methods in Molecular Biology*. Volume 2. Humana Press; 1984.

#### *E-book: minimum information*

Author(s). *Book Title*. Volume # and title. Edition #. Publisher name; copyright year. Accessed date. URL.

#### Example:

Modell AH. *Imagination and the Meaningful Brain*. MIT Press; 2003. Accessed October 31, 2010. <http://site.ebrary.com/lib/uic/docDetail.action?docID=10173553>.

#### *Chapter within Book: minimum information*

Author(s). Chapter title. In: Editor(s). *Book Title*. Edition number. Publisher name; copyright year:inclusive pages.

#### Example:

Sisk JE. Cardiac catheterization. In: Krapp K, ed. *The Gale Encyclopedia of Nursing & Allied Health*. Gale Group; 2002:407-412.

#### Website

##### *Minimum information*

Author(s) (or, if no author is available, the name of the group responsible for the site). Title of the specific item (or, if no title is available, the name of the organization responsible for the site). Name of the Web site. Date published. Date updated. Date Accessed. URL.

#### Example:

U.S. National Library of Medicine. Back Pain. MedlinePlus. n.d. Updated April 30, 2020. Accessed May 14, 2020. <https://medlineplus.gov/backpain.html>

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