



Citing References



Functions of References

- To give credit to others for their work
- To add credibility to your work by showing that you used valid information sources
- To help show how your work is related to previous work
- To help readers find further information



References:

Importance of Accuracy

- Studies show that many references are inaccurate.
- For references to fulfill their functions, they must be accurate. Therefore
 - ❖ Make sure that you accurately state what the cited material says.
 - ❖ Make sure that all information in the citation (for example, author list, article title, journal title, volume, year, pages) is accurate.



Another Reason Your References Should Be Accurate

- Often, authors whose work you cite will be chosen as your peer reviewers. Inaccurate references to their work will not impress them favorably.



Formats

- Various formats exist for citation in text:
 - Accuracy of references is important (Day and Gastel, 2011).
 - Accuracy of references is important.³
 - Accuracy of references is important (3)
 - Accuracy of references is important [3]
- Read the Instructions to authors



Styles of referencing

- Vancouver Style
- The ACS (American Chemical Society) Style
- AMA (American Medical Association) Style
- The Chicago Style
- The MLA (Modern Language Association) Style
- American Psychological Association style
- Scientific Style and Format

Bibliographic Elements



Authors in correct sequence, and names checked from PubMed

Singh JK, Bawa M, Kanojia RP, Ghai B, Menon P, Rao KL.

Correct title of the article to come after the authors name.

Idiopathic simultaneous intussusceptions in a neonate.

Pediatr Surg Int 2009;25:445-7.

Correct journal abbreviation as given in Pubmed

Year of the article given after the journal abbreviation

Year of publication is followed by the volume no.

Page no. comes last this **should not** be written as 445-447



Punctuation Marks

Coma followed by space after each author
do not write **and** before the last author

Full stop after the last author
followed by space and then
the article title

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Full stop followed by
space

Full stop at the
end of the ref.

Single space between the journal
abbreviation and the year, place no
other punctuation marks

Hyphen to separate the
page no.

Semicolon ; after
the year without any
space

Colon : after volume
no. without any space

Citation Management Software



- Examples: EndNote, Reference Manager, Mendeley, RefWorks, Zotero
- Allows you to keep a database of references
- In many cases, provides the citations and references in the proper format for your target journal

Hands on Exercise

Time 10 minutes

- **Improve the references style**
- **Identify the mistakes in the references**



Reminder

- Be sure to use the format used by your target journal.
 - For the citations in the text
 - For the reference list
- Cite only items that you have read.
- Check each reference against the original source.
- Carefully follow the journal's instructions to authors.
- Use other articles in the same journal as models.

A silhouette of a person climbing a steep, snow-covered mountain peak. The climber is positioned in the center-left of the frame, holding a rope and a climbing tool. The background is a bright, orange-yellow sky, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The mountain's surface is textured with snow and ice.

Questions? Comments? Additions?

NEVER GIVE UP

Go over, go under, go around, or go through.
But never give up.