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ACS Style (In-Text Citations)

**ACS Style In-text Citations - 3rd Edition**

- There are three approaches to citing sources in ACS Style. Make sure to choose one approach and use it consistently throughout your writing.
  - **Note:** for two authors use "and": Rakita and Smith.
  - **Note:** For three or more authors use "et al.": Rakita et al.

**Superscript Numbers**

- **At the end of the sentence:**
  - **Example:** Fluoridated water and fluoride products such as toothpaste provide fluoride ions necessary for remineralization.<sup>1</sup>
- **Within the sentence:**
  - **Example:** Rakita<sup>1</sup> states that fluoridated water and fluoride products such as toothpaste provide fluoride ions necessary for demineralization.
- **One Author:**
  - **Example:** The experiment yielded significant results.<sup>1</sup>
  - **Example:** Smith<sup>1</sup> conducted a thorough analysis.
- **Two Authors:**
  - **Example:** Johnson and Lee<sup>2</sup> proposed a new methodology.
  - **Example:** A new methodology was proposed.<sup>2</sup>
- **Three or More Authors:**
  - **Example:** Martinez et al.<sup>3</sup> conducted a comprehensive study.
  - **Example:** A comprehensive study was conducted.<sup>3</sup>

**Italic Numbers**

- **At the end of the sentence:**
  - **Example:** Fluoridated water and fluoride products such as toothpaste provide fluoride ions necessary for remineralization (1).
- **Within the sentence:**
  - **Example:** Chen and Brandizzi (7) summarize the effects of the IRE1 on cell vitality.

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- **One Author:**
  - **Example:** According to Smith (1), the experiment yielded significant results.
  - **Example:** The experiment yielded significant results (1).
- **Two Authors:**
  - **Example:** Johnson and Lee (2) proposed a new methodology.
  - **Example:** A new methodology was proposed (2).
- **Three or More Authors:**
  - **Example:** Martinez et al. (3) conducted a comprehensive study.
  - **Example:** A comprehensive study was conducted (3).

**Author Name and Year of Publication**

- **At the end of the sentence:**
  - **Example:** The discovery of hydroboration was necessary to further the field of synthetic chemistry (Brown, 2022).
- **Within the sentence:**
  - **Example:** Brown (2022) discovered the synthetic power of hydroboration.
- **One Author:**
  - **Example:** According to Jones (2020), the reaction rate is influenced by temperature.
  - **Example:** The reaction rate is influenced by temperature (Jones, 2020).
- **Two Authors:**
  - **Example:** Smith and Brown (2022) proposed a new mechanism.
  - **Example:** A new mechanism was proposed (Smith and Brown, 2022).
- **Three or More Authors:**
  - **Example:** Patel et al. (2024) conducted a series of experiments.
  - **Example:** A series of experiments was conducted (Patel et al., 2024).

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ACS Style (Reference Quick-Guide)

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- Here are some quick reference guides when creating your references or works cited page. If a work is accessed in print vs. online, do not include the URL. If your source has missing information, simply omit it.
- **Periodicals:**
  - Author 1.; Author 2.; Author 3.; etc. Title of Article. *CASSI Abbreviation of Journal Title* [Online] **Year**, *Volume* (Issue), page numbers. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).
- **Book without Editors**
  - Author 1.; Author 2.; Author 3.; etc. Chapter Title. In *Book Title* [Online]; Edition Number; series information; Publisher: place of publication, year; Volume Number, pages. URL (accessed Month Day, Year). \*
    - “In” is only placed in front of the *Book Title* if you are referencing a specific chapter
- **Book with Editors**
  - Author 1.; Author 2.; Author 3.; etc. Chapter Title. In *Book Title*, edition Number; Editor 1., Editor 2., etc., Eds.; series information; Publisher: place of publication, year; Volume number, pages. \*
    - “In” is only placed in front of the *Book Title* if you are referencing a specific chapter.
- **Government publications**
  - Author 1.; Author 2.; etc. Chapter Title. *Document Title*; Government Publication Number; Publishing Agency: place of publication, year; pages
- **Technical Reports and Bulletins**
  - Author 1.; Author 2., etc. *Title of Report or Bulletin*; Technical Report or Bulletin; Publisher: Place of Publication, Date; Pages.
- **Data Sets**
  - *Title*; Publisher: Place of Publication, Date; Data Entry Number/Figure Title/other identifying information.
- **Material Safety Data Sheets**
  - *Title*; MSDS Number [Online]; Manufacturing Company: Location of Company, Date. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).
- **Websites**
  - Author. Title of Site. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

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ACS Style (Reference List)

**Same Author, Multiple Sources**

- List the single-author works first, then two-author works, then multiple-author works in chronological order. If the works cited were published the same year, add a lowercase letter for identification.
  - **Examples:**
    - Hamilton, F. J. *Biochemistry* **2003**, 42, 78-86.
    - Hamilton F. J. *J. Agric. Food Chem.* **2004a**, 52, 1622-1633.
    - Hamilton F. J. *J. Org Chem.* **2004b**, 69, 298-306.
    - Hamilton, F. J.; Salvo, P. A. *J. Agric. Food Chem.* **2005**, 53, 918-924.

**CASSI Abbreviations**

- The Chemical Abstract Service Source Index (CASSI) is a systematic way to abbreviate journal titles. CASSI abbreviations can be found here: <https://cassi.cas.org/search.jsp>
  - **Example:** Journal of the American Chemical Society:
    - **CASSI Abbreviation:** J. Am. Chem. Soc.
  - **Example:** Accounts of Chemical Research:
    - **CASSI Abbreviation:** Acc. Chem. Res.

**Works Cite or References**

- ACS Style does not have a preference on what to title the references page. Choose to write in bold and center either “References” or “Works Cited.”.
- **Author-Date**
  - Organize references in alphabetical order by author and use hanging indents.

**References**

- Bright, M. D.; Itzhak, D. N.; Wardell, C. P.; Morgan, G. J.; Davies, F. E. Cleavage of BLOC1S1 mRNA by IRE1 Is Sequence Specific, Temporally Separate from XBP1 Splicing, and Dispensable for Cell Viability under Acute Endoplasmic Reticulum Stress. *Mol. Cell. Biol.* **2015**, 35 (12), 2186-2202.
- Cross, B. C.; Bond, P. J.; Sadowski, P. G.; Jha, B. K.; Zak, J.; Goodman, J. M.; Silverman, R. H.; Neubert, T. A.; Baxendale, I. R.; Ron, D.; Harding, H. P. The Molecular Basis for Selective Inhibition of Unconventional mRNA Splicing by an IRE1-Binding Small Molecule. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U. S. A.* **2012**, 109 (15), E869-878.

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- **Superscript and Italics in Parenthesis**

- Organize references by order of appearance and include an indentation after the numeral.

- **Hanging Indent Example:**

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2. Yoshida, H.; Matsui, T.; Yamamoto, A.; Okada, T.; Mori, K., XBP1 mRNA Is Induced by ATF6 and Spliced by IRE1 in Response to ER Stress to Produce a Highly Active Transcription Factor. *Cell* **2001**, *107* (7), 881-891.

- **Indent After Assigned Numeral Example:**

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