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AMA General Guidelines

AMA General Guidelines (11th Edition)

- List references in numerical order based on the order they appear in the text.
- Double-space between reference entries.
- Use single spacing within each reference (if required by instructor).
- Italicize journal and book titles.
- Use standard journal abbreviations (not full journal titles) as listed in the Index Medicus.
- Use a DOI when available. If a DOI is included, do not include a URL or access date.

Authors

- List up to 6 authors.
- If there are more than 6 authors, list the first 3 followed by et al.
- List authors in the order they appear in the publication (not alphabetically).
- Format names as:
 - Last name followed by initials
 - No commas between initials
 - No periods between initials
 - **Example:** Smith AB, Jones CD, Taylor EF.

Article Titles

- Capitalize only the first word and proper nouns.
- Do not italicize article titles.
- Journal titles should be italicized and use official abbreviations.

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AMA In-Text Citations (11th Edition)

- Citations must be included for any information that is quoted or paraphrased from a source.

Basic Rules

- Use superscript Arabic numerals to cite sources.
- Number citations in consecutive order based on when they first appear in the paper.
- Place the citation number immediately after the fact, idea, or quotation being cited.
- If you cite the same source again, reuse the original citation number.

Placement of Superscript Numbers

- Place superscript numbers outside periods and commas.
- Place superscript numbers inside colons and semicolons.

Examples:

As reported previously,^{1,3-8,19}

The derived data were as follows³⁻⁵:

Multiple Citations

- Use commas to separate nonconsecutive citation numbers.
- Use a hyphen (en dash) for consecutive numbers.

Example:

^{1,3-8,19}

Journal Formatting

Format: Author(s). Article title. *Journal Abbreviation*. Year;Volume(Issue):Page range. doi:

- No space between year and volume.
- Page numbers should be written in full (257-259, not 257-59).

Example:

Seagle HM, Strain GW, Makris A, Reeves RS. Position of the American Dietetic Association: weight management. *J Am Diet Assoc*. 2009;109(2):330-346.

Entire Book

Format: Author AA. *Title of Book*. Edition (if applicable). City, State: Publisher; Year.

Example:

Whitney E, Rolfes SR. *Understanding Nutrition*. 12th ed. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth; 2011.

Chapter in an Edited Book

Format: Author AA. Chapter title. In: Editor AA, ed. *Title of Book*. City, State: Publisher; Year:Page range.

Example:

Lakhan SE, Veira KF. Nutritional therapies for mental disorders. In: Coles L, ed. *Functional Foods: The Connection Between Nutrition, Health, and Food Science*. Toronto, ON: Apple Academic Press; 2014:91-108.

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Electronic Books

Format: Author AA. *Title of Book*. City, State: Publisher; Year. URL. Accessed Month Day, Year.

Example:

Randall, C. *Water Economics*. Boston, MA: Publications; 2009. www.netlibrary.com. Accessed 12 November 2009.

Online Journal Articles (DOI)

Format: Author(s) AA. Article Title. *Journal Name*. year;vol(issue No.);inclusive pages. DOI.

Example:

Kitajima TS, Kawashima SA, Watanabe Y. The conserved kinetochore proteins hug shin protects centromeric cohesion during meiosis. *Nature*. 2004;427(6974):510-517. doi:10.1038/nature02312.

Online Journal Articles (URL)

Format: Author(s) AA. Article Title. *Journal Name*. year;vol(issue No.);inclusive pages. URL. Published [date]. Updated [date]. Accessed [date].

Example:

Duchin JS. Can preparedness for biological terrorism save us from pertussis? *Arch Pediatr Adolesc Med*. 2004;158(2):106-107. <http://archpedi.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/158/2/106>. Accessed June 1, 2004.

Scholarly Journal Articles

Format: Author(s) AA. Article Title. *Journal Name*. year;vol(issue No.):inclusive pages.

Example:

Seagle HM, Strain GW, Makris A, Reeves RS. Position of the American Dietetic Association: weight management. *J Am Diet Assoc*. 2009;109(2):330-346.

Web Sites

Format: Author AA. Title of article. Name of website. Websiteurl. Access month date, year.

Example:

DeNoon DJ. FDA Panel Opposes New Type of Diabetes Drug. WebMD Web site.
<http://diabetes.webmd.com/news/20110719/fda-panel-9-6-no-vote-on-new-typediabetesdrug>.
Accessed August 19, 2011.

Online Image

Format: Creator AA. Title of image (if known). Name of website. Website. URL. Published date.
Accessed date.

Example:

Jin, T. USDA Food Pyramid. Wikimedia Commons. Website.
https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:USDA_Food_Pyramid.gif. Published April 4, 2006.
Accessed March 19, 2018.



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<https://research.dom.edu/citationguides/ama>

St. Catherine University Libraries. (n.d.). *AMA citation style quick guide*.

<https://libguides.stkate.edu/citationstyles/ama>