

Bibliographic citations according to the CSE citation style (Council of Science Editors)

Scope: Life Sciences



INTRODUCTION

A bibliography or reference list consists of a list of **bibliographic citations**. A bibliographic citation is made of a **set of data** allowing to describe and identify briefly any type of document, so that it can be easily found.

A reference list can be generated according to different styles. The **Council of Science Editors (CSE)** format is one of the most widespread styles in Life Sciences. Some examples can be found in the "Quick Guide" of the original source:

https://www.scientificstyleandformat.org/Tools/SS_F-Citation-Quick-Guide.html



CSE FORMAT

All the sources cited along the paper are to be listed at the end. According to the **CSE** format they can be presented in **3 different styles**:

Citation – Sequence: sources are numbered according to the order of their appearance within the text and later displayed in a final bibliography following the same order.

Citation – Name: sources are listed in alphabetical order according to the author's last name and then numbered in a final bibliography. This number is later assigned to the corresponding citation within the text.

In both cases ("**Citation – Sequence**" and "**Citation – Name**"), Arabic and superscript numerals are to be used: 1, 2, 3

Name – Year: sources are indicated in parentheses within the text, mentioning the author's last name and publication year. These sources are displayed in alphabetical order in the final bibliography following the same system: author's last name and publication year.

"Name – Year" in-text citations can vary depending on the number of authors involved:

- **1 author:** (Lewontin 1984)
- **2 authors:** (Issitt and Anstee 1999)
- **from 3 authors on:** (Mathews et al. 2013)

Remember that, according to the CSE style, **up to 10 authors**, all of them have to be mentioned in the final bibliography. From 11 authors on, a comma after the 10th author is required, followed by the expression **et al.**



HOW DO WE CITE...

In the following examples, "**Citation – Sequence**" and "**Citation – Name**" are coloured **grey** and "**Year**" is coloured **blue**



PAPER RESOURCES

Journal article:

Mazan MR, Hoffman AM. Effects of aerosolized albuterol on physiologic responses to exercise in standardbreds. Am J Vet Res. 2001;62(11):1812–1817.

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Journal title has to be shortened according to the ISO standard. A list of shortened titles can be found on: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nlmcatalog/journals>

Book:

Leboffe MJ, Pierce BE. Microbiology: laboratory theory and application. Englewood (CO): Morton Publishing Company; 2010.

Leboffe MJ, Pierce BE. 2010. Microbiology: laboratory theory and application. Englewood (CO): Morton Publishing Company.

Edited book:

Luzikov VN. Mitochondrial biogenesis and breakdown. Galkin AV, translator; Roodyn DB, editor. New York (NY): Consultants Bureau; 1985. 378 p.

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Book chapter:

Gawande A. The checklist manifesto: how to get things right. New York (NY): Metropolitan Books; 2010. Chapter 3, The end of the master builder; p. 48–71.

Gawande A. 2010. The checklist manifesto: how to get things right. New York (NY): Metropolitan Books. Chapter 3, The end of the master builder; p. 48–71.

Doctoral thesis:

Fructuoso González I. Los animales y las medidas coercitivas de carácter processal [dissertation]. [Bellaterra]: UAB; 2021

Fructuoso González I. 2021. Los animales y las medidas coercitivas de carácter processal [dissertation]. [Bellaterra]: UAB.

Legislation:

Ministerio de la Presidencia. RD 53/2013, de 1 de febrero, por el que se establecen las normas básicas aplicables para la protección de animales utilizados en experimentación y otros fines científicos. 2013. [accessed 2022 September 5]. <https://www.boe.es/eli/es/rd/2013/02/01/53>.

Ministerio de la Presidencia. 2013. RD 53/2013, de 1 de febrero, por el que se establecen las normas básicas aplicables para la protección de animales utilizados en experimentación y otros fines científicos [accessed 2022 September 5]. <https://www.boe.es/eli/es/rd/2013/02/01/53>.

Conference proceedings:

Whether proceedings are published as a book or within a journal, they are to be cited as a book chapter or as a journal article, respectively.



ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

Journal article:

Savage E, Ramsay M, White J, Beard S, Lawson H, Hunjan R, Brown D. Mumps outbreaks across England and Wales in 2004: observational study. BMJ. 2005 [accessed 2022 September 5];330(7500):1119–1120. <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/reprint/330/7500/1119>. doi:10.1136/bmj.330.7500.1119.

Savage E, Ramsay M, White J, Beard S, Lawson H, Hunjan R, Brown D. 2005. Mumps outbreaks across England and Wales in 2004: observational study. BMJ. [accessed 2022 September 5];330(7500):1119–1120. <http://bmj.bmjournals.com/cgi/reprint/330/7500/1119>. doi:10.1136/bmj.330.7500.1119.

Book:

Brogden KA, Guthmille JM, editors. Polymicrobial diseases. Washington (DC): ASM Press; 2002 [accessed 2022 September 5]. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK2475/>.

Brogden KA, Guthmille JM, editors. 2002. Polymicrobial diseases. Washington (DC): ASM Press; [accessed 2022 September 5]. <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK2475/>.

Website:

APSnet: plant pathology. St Paul (MN): American Phytopathological Association; c1994–2005 [accessed 2022 September 5]. <http://www.apsnet.org/>.

APSnet: plant pathology online. c1994–2005. St Paul (MN): American Phytopathological Association; [accessed 2022 September 5]. <http://www.apsnet.org/>.

Research data:

Li, Y, Rovira-Esteva, S. Tipología de recursos de las TIC para el aula de chino: clasificación y características [Dataset]. 2020. DDD. <https://ddd.uab.cat/record/225736> doi: 10.5565/ddd.uab.cat/225736

Li, Y, Rovira-Esteva, S. 2020. Tipología de recursos de las TIC para el aula de chino: clasificación y características [Dataset]. DDD. <https://ddd.uab.cat/record/225736> doi: 10.5565/ddd.uab.cat/225736



AUDIOVISUAL RESOURCES

Video:

Cambridge University. From Punnett to personal genomics: a century of genetics in Cambridge. [video]. YouTube.com; 2012 [accessed 2022 July 29]. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFhYjzWmFMo>

Cambridge University. 2012. From Punnett to personal genomics: a century of genetics in Cambridge. [video]. YouTube.com; [accessed 2022 July 29]. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFhYjzWmFMo>



KEEP IN MIND THAT...

Words used in the description must be **in the language of the paper** we are working in. So, if you are writing a paper in English, these words should be: “publisher, and, in, accessed, available at, tweet”, etc.

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