International Committee of Medical Journal Editors Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Sample References

Articles in Journals

1. **Standard journal article**

List the first six authors followed by et al. (Note: NLM now lists all authors.)


As an option, if a journal carries continuous pagination throughout a volume (as many medical journals do) the month and issue number may be omitted.


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More than six authors:


2. **Organization as author**


3. **Both personal authors and an organization as author** (This example does not conform to NISO standards.)


4. **No author given**

21st century heart solution may have a sting in the tail. BMJ. 2002;325(7357):184.

5. **Article not in English**

(Note: NLM translates the title into English, encloses the translation in square brackets, and adds an abbreviated language designator.)


6. **Volume with supplement**


7. **Issue with supplement**


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9. Issue with part

10. Issue with no volume

11. No volume or issue

12. Pagination in roman numerals

13. Type of article indicated as needed


14. Article containing retraction

15. Article retracted

16. Article republished with corrections

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18. Article published electronically ahead of the print version

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21. Author(s) and editor(s)

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24. Conference proceedings

25. Conference paper

26. Scientific or technical report
Issued by funding/sponsoring agency:

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Other Published Material

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Public law:

Unenacted bill:
Code of Federal Regulations:

Hearing:

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39. Part of a homepage/Web site

40. Database on the Internet
Open database:

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41. Part of a database on the Internet