

CBE Citation Style

The information in this guide is based on the CBE (Council of Biology Editors) manual, 6th edition, for style and format as recommended for medical and scientific writers. While the CBE manual fully covers style, special scientific conventions and manuscript preparation, this guide is intended as a quick reference tool when citing books, journal and reference sources in the paper and in the reference list. For help with cases that are not addressed in the examples provided here, please refer to the CBE style manual: *Scientific Style and Format: The CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers*, 6th Ed. (1994), REF T11 .S386 1994.

The CBE manual offers two citation styles, the citation-sequence system and the name-year system. The College of St. Catherine Biology Department prefers that students use the **name-year system**; this guide will therefore follow this style.

In the name-year system, citations in the text consist of the author's last name and the year of publication. The reader can then easily turn to the alphabetic list of references and identify the source of the information. Many variations exist, depending on multiple authors and other special cases.

CITATIONS IN THE REFERENCE LIST

In the name-year style, the first elements of the citation are the author's and year of publication. The second and subsequent lines are indented (*note*: this is a departure from the CBE Manual which aligns all lines to the margin; the preferred style of the CSC Biology Dept. instructors is to indent as directed here).

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Author(s). Year. Article title. Journal title volume number(issue number):inclusive pages.

Thompson BJ. 1989. Complete wetting from polymer mixtures. *Science* 58(10):1022-34.

Stien V, Newsome JM, Elsinger KM. 1992 Nov 13. Study of patients with unexplained nausea. *Gastroenterology* 79:343-9.

Organization as author

[ICMJE] International Committee of Medical Journal Editors. 1995. Publishing medical writings today. *Southern Medical Journal* 81(8):451-5, 466-71.

Note: Use of abbreviation should match citation within the text. Use square brackets in the reference list, but parentheses within the text.

BOOKS

Author(s) or editor(s). Year. Title. Place of publication: publisher name. Number of pages.

Goet DF. 1990. *Biochemistry concepts*. New York: J Wiley. 435 p.

Neilsson KL, Neilsson NH. 1997. *Therapeutic pharmacology*. Emmaus (PA): Rodale. 725 p.

Note: Author names with initials are recommended for reference lists that also include references to journal articles, for which names with initials are preferred.

Book with editors

Gilman JT, Kilmer TR, Johnson CP, editors. 1990. *The alternative therapy handbook*. 2nd ed. New York: Pergamon. 816 p.

Reference Books

Single-volume reference book; no separate author/editor for the relevant entry

Singleton P, Sainbury D. 1987. *Dictionary of microbiology and molecular biology*. 2nd ed. New York: J Wiley. Plasmid; p 682-3.

Multi-volume reference; no separate author/editor for the relevant entry

Cajori F. 1929. A history of mathematical notations. Volume 2.
Chicago: Open Court Press; p 233-9.

Single-volume reference book; author for the relevant entry is different from author/editor of book

Weiss EA. 1993. Literate programming. In: Ralston A, Reilly ED, editors. Encyclopedia of computer science. 3rd ed. New York: Van Nostrand Reinhold. P 761-7.

Multi-volume reference book; author for the relevant entry is different from author/editor of book

Prins EM. 1995. Biomass Burning. In: Nierenberg WA, editor. Encyclopedia of environmental biology. Volume 1. San Diego: Academic Press. 309-25.

CITATIONS WITHIN THE TEXT

A citation in the ***name-year system*** includes the name(s) of the author(s) of the cited document and the year of publication. When organizational names are cited as authors, the abbreviated version is preferred, but in a text with few citations, full names are acceptable. If the ***abbreviation*** is used, it must be the initial element in the reference list, shown in square brackets.

Strong arguments for passive solar can be made (Tobin 1992) to justify the expense.

The recently published document on requirements for manuscripts (International Committee of Medical Journal Editors 1995) will be ...

Or:

The recently published document on requirements for manuscripts (ICMJE 1995) will be ...

Documents cited near the author name in text

If documents by the same author are cited close to mention of the author's name, the citation can be limited to the publication year.

When studies performed by Kliener (1982, 1982, 1995) are closely studied.....

Same author document published in different years

Gotlick's studies of a similar species (1982, 1988) should a pattern of...

Two-author citations

Both names are to be given, separated by "and," followed by the date. If the authors have the same surname, their initials are added.

The recent research on this problem (Byer and Dillans 1991) show ...

Studies recently published (Nelson TB and Nelson CP 1992) have concluded...

Three or more authors

...but when later studies (Dawson and others 1990) were made public...

Multiple citations at one point

When 2 or more documents with different authors are cited at one point, they are listed chronologically from the earliest to the latest. Those published in the same year are alphabetized.

Others doing similar research (Dawson 1982; Smith and others 1985; Brown 1988; Calvin 1988) have established that...