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Smith and Maple^[12] found that stress can be fatal.

Green et al.,^[14] among others,^[15-19] have disagreed with this assertion.

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2. Guinee VF, Olsson H, Möller T, et al. Effect of pregnancy on prognosis for young women with breast cancer. *Lancet* 1994 Jun 25; 343 (8913): 1587-9
3. Higgins G. Concern over outbreak of disease from new hantavirus. *Inpharma* 1994 Jan 29; (922): 3

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4. You CH, Lee KY, Chey RY, et al. Electrogastrographic study of

patients with unexplained nausea, bloating and vomiting. *Gastroenterology* 1980; 79: 311-4

5. Goate AM, Haynes AR. Predisposing locus for Alzheimer's disease on chromosome 21. *Lancet* 1989; 1: 352-5

■ Organisation as author

6. Royal Marsden Hospital Bone-Marrow Transplantation Team. Failure of syngeneic bone-marrow graft without preconditioning in post-hepatitis marrow aplasia. *Lancet* 1977; 2: 742-4
7. Fumoleau P, Devaux Y, Vo Van ML, et al. on behalf of the French Adjuvant Study Group. Premenopausal patients with node-positive resectable breast cancer: preliminary results of a randomised trial comparing 3 adjuvant regimens: FEC 50×6 cycles vs FEC 50×3 cycles vs FEC 75×3 cycles. *Drugs* 1993 Feb; 45 Suppl. 2: 38-45

■ No author given

8. Coffee drinking and cancer of the pancreas [editorial]. *BMJ* 1981; 283: 628

■ Article in a foreign language

9. Massone L, Borghi S, Pestarino A, et al. Localisations palmaires purpuriques de la dermatite herpétiforme. *Ann Dermatol Venereol* 1987; 114: 1545-7

If an article in a foreign language contains a translated title or abstract, this should be included in the reference:

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■ Volume with supplement

11. Davey PG, Malek M. Defining criteria for the pharmacoeconomic evaluation of new oral cephalosporins. *Pharmacoeconomics* 1994 Feb; 5 Suppl. 2: 11-9
12. Magni F, Rossoni G, Berti F. BN-52021 protects guinea-pig from heart anaphylaxis. *Pharmacol Res Commun* 1988; 20 Suppl. 5: 75-8

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13. Gardos G, Cole JO, Haskell D, et al. The natural history of tardive dyskinesia. *J Clin Psychopharmacol* 1988; 8 (4 Suppl.): 31S-7S

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14. Hanly C. Metaphysics and innateness: a psychoanalytic perspective. *Int J Psychoanal* 1988; 69 (Pt 3): 389-99

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15. Edwards L, Meyskens F, Levine N. Effect of oral isotretinoin on dysplastic nevi. *J Am Acad Dermatol* 1989; 20 (2 Pt 1): 257-60

■ Issue with no volume

16. Baumeister AA. Origins and control of stereotyped movements. *Monogr Am Assoc Ment Defic* 1978; (3): 353-84

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17. Danoek K. Skiing in and through the history of medicine. *Nord Medicinhist Arsb* 1982: 86-100

■ Type of article indicated as needed

18. Spargo PM, Manners JM. DDAVP and open heart surgery [letter]. *Anaesthesia* 1989; 44: 363-4
19. Fuhrman SA, Joiner KA. Binding of the third component of complement C3 by *Toxoplasma gondii* [abstract]. *Clin Res* 1987; 35: 475A

■ Article with published erratum

20. Schofield A. The CAGE questionnaire and psychological health [published erratum appears in *Br J Addict* 1989; 84: 701]. *Br J Addict* 1988; 83: 761-4

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Books

- **Personal author(s)**
- 21. Colson JH, Armour WJ. Sports injuries and their treatment. 2nd rev. ed. London: S Paul, 1986
- **Editor(s), compiler as author**
- 22. Diener HC, Wilkinson M, editors. Drug-induced headache. New York: Springer Verlag, 1988
- **Organisation as author and publisher**
- 23. Southern Cross Medical Care Society. Schedule of fees for surgical and anaesthetic procedures. 17th rev. Auckland, New Zealand: Southern Cross Medical Care Society, 1991
- 24. Virginia Law Foundation. The medical and legal implications of AIDS. Charlottesville: The Foundation, 1987
- **Chapter in a book**
- 25. Weinstein L, Swartz MN. Pathologic properties of invading microorganisms. In: Sodeman WA Jr, Sodeman WA, editors. Pathologic physiology: mechanisms of disease. Philadelphia: Saunders, 1974: 457-72

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- **Proceedings published as a book**
- 26. Vivian VL, editor. Child abuse and neglect: a medical community response. Proceedings of the First AMA National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect; 1984 Mar 30-31: Chicago. Chicago: American Medical Association, 1985
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- 27. Harley NH. Comparing radon daughter dosimetric and risk models. In: Gammage RB, Kaye SV, editors. Indoor air and human health. Proceedings of the Seventh Life Sciences Symposium; 1984 Oct 29-31; Knoxville (TN). Chelsea (MI): Lewis, 1985: 69-78
- **Abstract in a book**
- 28. Guelei JD, Dreyfus J-F, Lacassin J. Étude contrôlée à double insu comparant tianeptine et sulpiride [abstract]. In: Perris C, Struwe G, Janssen B, editors. Biological psychiatry. 3rd World Congress of Biological Psychiatry; 1981 Jun 28-Jul 3: Stockholm. Amsterdam: Elsevier/North-Holland Biomedical Press, 1981: 605
- **Abstract in a book without editors**
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- **Paper in supplement to journal**
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- 31. Zoli WW, Savini S, Bajorko P, et al. *In vitro* evaluation of taxotere and taxol on primary cell cultures of human breast cancer [abstract no. 68]. Pisa Symposium on Oncology. Breast Cancer: From Biology to Therapy: 1992 Oct 19-21; Pisa, 203
- 32. Pleskow WW. Studies of a new antihistamine in the management of perennial allergic rhinitis and chronic idiopathic urticaria [abstract]. A Loratadine Symposium. 44th Annual Congress, American College of Allergists; 1987 Nov 15; Boston, 33-35

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- **Scientific and technical report**
- 33. Akutsu T. Total heart replacement device. Bethesda (MD): National Institutes of Health, National Heart and Lung Institute; 1974 Apr. Report no.: NIH-NHLI-69-2185-4
- **Dissertation**
- 34. Youssef NM. School adjustment of children with congenital heart disease [dissertation]. Pittsburgh: Univ. of Pittsburgh, 1988

Other published material

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- 35. Renal system [computer program]. MS-DOS version. Edwardsville (KS): Medi-Sim, 1988
- **Newspaper article**
- 36. Rensberger B, Specter B. CFCs may be destroyed by natural process. Washington Post 1989 Aug 7; Sect. A: 2 (col. 5)
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- In general, because the format of legal citations varies widely (both between and within countries), the format of the original source should be followed.
- 37. Toxic Substances Control Act: Hearing on S. 776. Before the Subcomm. on the Environment of the Senate Comm. on Commerce. 94th Cong., 1st Sess. 343 (1975)
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- 38. New Zealand Official Yearbook, 94th ed. Wellington, New Zealand: Department of Statistics, 1990
- 39. Pricing schedules. Pharmaceutical dispensary fees, container allowances and markup. Wellington: New Zealand Department of Health, 1 Aug 1991

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