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Text should contain Introduction, Materials and Methods, Results and Discussion in sequence.

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Materials and Methods

Clearly it should include materials, experimental procedures, methods etc. Mention the nomenclature, source of material, equipment with manufacturer's details in parentheses. Describe new methods in sufficient detail indicating their limitation. Established

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Emphasize the new and important aspects of the study and conclusion derived from them. Detail data written in introduction and other portions of text should not be repeated. The implication of results and their limitations including suggestion for future research should be included in the discussion.

References

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Vega KJ, Pina I, Krevsky B. Heart transplantation in associated with an increased risk for pancreatobiliary disease. *Ann Intern Med* 1996; 124 (11): 980-3.

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

b) More than six authors

Parkin DM, Clayton D, Black RJ, Masuyer E, Friedl HP, Ivanov E, et al. Childhood leukaemia in Europe after chernobyl: 5 year follow-up. *Br J Cancer* 1996; 73:1006-12.

c) No author given

Cancer in South Africa (editorial). *S Afr Med J* 1948; 84:15

d) Organization as author

The cardiac society of Australia and New Zealand. Clinical exercise stress testing. Safely and performance guidelines. *Med J Aust* 1990; 146: 267-9.

Books and monographs

a) Personal author(s)

Laurence DR, Bennett PN, Brown MJ. *Clinical Pharmacology*. 8th ed. New York: Churchill Livingstone; 1997.

b) Editor(s), compiler(s) as author

Norman IJ, Redfern SJ, editors. *Mental health care for elderly people*. 5th ed. New York: Churchill Livingstone; 1999.

c) Organization as author and publisher

World Health Organization. *Ethical criteria for medical drug promotion*. Geneva: World Health Organization; 1988.

d) Chapter in a book

Phillips SJ, Whisnant JP. Hypertension and stroke. In: Laragh JH, Brenner BM, editors. *Hypertension: pathophysiology, diagnosis and management*. 2nd ed. New York: Raven Press; 1995. p 465-9.

e) Dissertation or thesis

Kaplan SJ. *Post hospital home health care: the elderly access and utilization (dissertation)*. St. Louis (MO): Washington Uni; 1995.

Other published material

a) Newspaper article

Lee G. Hospitalization tied to ozone pollution: study estimates 50,000 admissions annually. *The Washington Post* 1996; June 21; sect. A: 3 (col. 5).

b) Dictionary and similar references

Student's medical dictionary. 26th ed. Baltimore: Williams and Wilkins; 1995. Apraxia; p.119-20.

Unpublished material

a. In press

Leshner AI. Molecular mechanisms of cocaine addiction. *N Eng J Med* (in press) 1997.

Electronic material

a) Journal articles in electronic format

Morse SS. Factors in the emergence of infectious diseases. *Emerg Infect Dis* [serial online] 1995 Jan-Mar [cited 1996 June 5]; 1(1): [24 screens]. Available from: URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/EID/eid.htm>

b) Monograph in electronic format

CDI, clinical dermatology illustrated [monograph on CD-ROM]. Reeves JRT, Maibach H. CMEA Multimedia group, producers. 2nd ed. Version 2.0. San Diego: CAEA; 1995.

C) Computer files

Haemodynamics III: The ups and downs of haemodynamics [computer program]. Version 2.2. Orlando (FL): Computerized Educational Systems; 1993.

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Acknowledgement should appear at the end of the manuscripts before references.

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