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BOOKS

Author(s)
- List names in the order they appear in the text.
- Enter surname first for each author followed by a maximum of two initials.
- Separate names from each other by a comma and a space.
- Capitalize surnames and enter spaces within surnames as they appear in the document.

For example: van Wilder PJ, Van Der Straeten DL, Hernández de la Cruz SG,
- Give all authors. (See various examples in the NLM style guide if you wish to limit.)
- End with a period.

Editors, Translators, Illustrators (Secondary Authors)
- Place the names of secondary authors after the title
- Follow the last named editor with a comma and the word editor or editors; the last named illustrator with a comma and the word illustrator or illustrators, etc.
- End secondary author information with a period.
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Example of both author(s) and secondary author(s):

Luzikov VN. Mitochondrial biogenesis and breakdown. Galkin AV, translator; Roodyn DB, editor.

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Title of a Book
- Enter the title of a book as it appears in the original document, in the original language.
- Capitalize only the first word of a title, proper nouns, and acronyms.
- Use a colon followed by a space to separate a title from a subtitle, unless another form of punctuation (such as a question mark, period, or an exclamation point) is already present.
- Follow non-English titles with a translation, if available. Place the translation in square brackets.
- End a title with a period unless a question mark or exclamation point already ends it.
- Do not italicize.

Example:

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**Edition**
- Place the edition statement after the title and end with a period. No caps.

**Place of Publication**
- Well known cities need no state, province, or country abbreviation.
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- Record the name of the publisher as it appears in the original document, using whatever capitalization and punctuation is found there.
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- End publisher information with a semicolon.

**Date of Publication**
- Always give the year of publication followed by a period.
- Convert roman numerals to Arabic numbers. For example: MM to 2000.

**Pagination (optional)**
- For single volumes note the total number of pages followed by a space and the letter p. End with a period. Example: 1000 p.
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**JOURNAL ARTICLE**

**Title of a Journal**
- Abbreviate significant words in a journal title and omit other words, such as articles, conjunctions, and prepositions. You can find examples of commonly abbreviated words and titles at:
  - Appendix A: Abbreviations for Commonly Used English Words in Journal Titles
  - Appendix B: Additional Sources for Journal Title Abbreviations
• Capitalize all remaining title words, including abbreviations.
• Omit subtitles, and any punctuation in a title.
• End the journal title with a period.
• Do not italicize.
Examples:
  The Journal of Biocommunication becomes J Biocommun
  Virology remains Virology
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  Women’s Health becomes Womens Health (note the apostrophe is dropped)

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• Use a colon followed by a space to separate a title from a subtitle, unless some other form of punctuation - question mark, period, or an exclamation point, etc. - is already present.
• Translate non-English titles into English; place the translation in square brackets.
• End a title with a period unless a question mark or exclamation point already ends it.
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