



Cell referencing

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Introduction

Cell referencing is an author/date style of referencing designed for the journal Cell. This tutorial details the Cell style of referencing based on the advice given by [Cell Publications Information for Authors](#).

Some elements of the standard offer a choice of approaches, and/or for some sources the standard does not provide official guidance. The examples given in this tutorial are based on the University Library's interpretation of the [Cell Publications Information for Authors](#) documentation.

It is essential that you use a consistent style in your own work.

Referencing in the Cell style is a two-part process:

- **Citation in the text:** this is the brief indication of the source within the text of your work immediately following the use of the material whether quoted or paraphrased.
- **Reference list:** a complete list of all the cited references used in your work with full bibliographic details to allow the reader to follow up these references and find the original text.

It is important to be **consistent** and **accurate** when citing references. The same set of rules should be followed every time you cite a reference.

Creating in-text citations and references

Why reference correctly?

In academic writing it is important to read around the subject to gather ideas, theories and facts about your assignment topic. It is not about making statements which are not backed up by evidence.

Referencing correctly is important for a number of reasons:

- It is evidence of the reading you have done when preparing for your assignment.
- It provides support for your own arguments.
- It allows you to show your understanding of the issues involved in your subject and your ability to critically apply that understanding.
- You avoid plagiarism by acknowledging the ideas, opinions and quotations that you have used in your own work.
- It provides sufficient information for someone to follow up your reference and chase the item.

Referencing is also known as citing, the two words can be used interchangeably.

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Creating an in-text citation

Each time you introduce an idea, thought, or theory in your work that belongs to another person, you should cite the author of the original work and the date of publication.

One author or creator

Author Surname (Year) or (Author Surname, Year)

e.g.:

Smith (1987) found that wide variations in temperature reduced egg viability.

Wide fluctuations in temperature reduce egg viability (Smith, 1987).

Two authors or creators

Author Surname and Author Surname (Year) or (Author Surname and Author Surname, Year)

e.g.:

Johanssen and Rowe (1999) altered larval perceptions by introducing a light regime.

Larval perceptions were altered by introducing a light regime (Johanssen and Rowe, 1999).

Three or more authors or creators

First Author Surname et al. (Year) or (First Author Surname et al., Year)

e.g.:

Kingsolver et al. (2001) concluded that more than 80% of estimates were morphological traits.

It was found that more than 80% of estimates were morphological traits (Kingsolver et al., 2001).

- When an author has published more than one cited document in the same year, these will be distinguished by adding a lower case letters after the year within the brackets, e.g. Smith (1987a), Smith (1987b).
- If more than one citation is referred to within a sentence, list them all in the following form by date and then alphabetically, e.g. The behaviour is generally considered to be a display of male quality (Fredenholm, 1978; Agassiz and Moore, 1980; Summers, 1991).
- This system **does not** use 'ibid' (in the same place) or 'op cit' (in the work previously cited).

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Quoting and Paraphrasing

A quotation is where you use the exact phrase or words of the original author. Indicate quotations by typing quotation marks around the exact words, phrase or sentence followed by the author's surname, year of publication and the page number of the quote in brackets. A full reference should be given in your reference list at the end.

It is unusual for science students to quote significant amounts of materials directly. You should read the literature - making notes in your own words and recording the sources of information - and then write, in your own words, a synthesis of the material based on your understanding of the subject. Longer quotations should only be used to emphasise key points in their original context.

Short quotations, up to two lines in length, can be included in the body of the text:

Kingsolver et al. (2001, p.254) found that, "selection via survival tends to be weaker than selection via fecundity or mating success". Similar studies also suggest that...

Longer quotations should be indented in a separate paragraph:

"Linkage analysis can reveal the chromosomal location of the genes of interest by identifying polymorphic genetic markers of known location that are coinherited with the disease in families."
(Hall et al. 1990, p.1684)

Try not to over-rely on quotations as this may show a lack of understanding of the information. You should summarise the key points you wish to make in your assignment in your own words.

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Creating a reference list

The reference list must list all of the sources you have cited in your assignment that have been published or are in press.

If you have referred to any unpublished data, submitted manuscripts, abstracts, or personal communications in your work, these should be cited within the text only and not included in your reference list.

If you are not citing specific information or a specific page from a website you do not need to create an in-text citation or reference for it. When mentioning a website within your text, provide the name of the website followed by the URL in parentheses, e.g.

The BLAT Search Genome (<https://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgBlat>) was used to find similar sequences...

Include up to ten authors for an item in the reference list. If there are more than ten, list the first ten authors followed by "et al".

For an edited book, place the editor's names in the author position and put ed. or eds. after the last editor's name.

The author may be a corporate body or organisation. Spell out the full name of a corporate author rather than using an acronym or abbreviation.

The reference list gives the full citations for those works cited briefly within your text. For journal articles and book chapters, you must provide the page numbers for the full page range.

All of the references must be listed in alphabetical order by author's surname, and then by date (most recent first) if there is more than one reference for the same author. If more than one item by the same author has been published during a specific year they should be listed by letter, e.g. (2013a, 2013b).

Whenever possible, details should be taken from the title page of a publication and not from the front cover, which may be different.

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Audio Visual Media

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Attenborough (2009)...
...(Attenborough, 2009)

In the bibliography/reference list

Presenter or Director's Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title [Format]. (Place of publication: Publisher/Distributor/Broadcaster).

Attenborough, D. (2009). *Life* [DVD]. (London: 2 Entertain Video).

Notes

- The Presenter or Director is the name of the person who has overall responsibility for the production, such as the director of a film; narrator of an audio file; conductor of music, etc. If the work is a collaboration between many individuals and no one clear person can be attributed, then start the reference with the title of the work.
- The Year is the year that the film was released, broadcast was shown, etc.
- The Title should be given in italics, with the first word capitalised.
- Give the Format of the audio visual work in square brackets, such as [CD], [DVD], [TV], etc.
- Give the place of recording and the name of either the publisher, distributor or broadcaster as appropriate.

For more information about in-text citations, quotations, and creating a reference list see [Creating in-text citations and references](#).

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Book with one author

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Allison (2012)...
...(Allison, 2012)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of publication, Edition or Series Statement (Place of publication: Publisher).

Allison, L.A. (2012). Fundamental molecular biology, 2nd edition (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley).

Notes

- Electronic books are referenced in the same way as print books, it is not necessary to include a URL.
- An Author may be a corporate body or organisation and, if so, the name of the corporate body or organisation should be written out in full.
- Put the Year of publication in brackets, using the date of copyright rather than a reprint date. If no date is given use (n.d.) for "no date". If the date can only be estimated, add a small "c" for "circa" before the date, e.g. (c1995).
- Only include the Edition if it is any edition other than the first.
- The Series Statement is included if the work is part of a series.
- The Place of publication is the town/city of publication rather than the country. If the book has more than one place of publication, only include the first one.

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Book with two or more authors

Book with two authors

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Rosenberg and Rosenberg (2012)...
...(Rosenberg and Rosenberg, 2012)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s)., and Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of publication, Edition or Series Statement (Place of publication: Publisher).

Rosenberg, L.E., and Rosenberg, D.D. (2012). Human genes and genomes: science, health, society (Oxford: Academic Press).

Book with three or more authors

In the text

Author Surname, Initial(s)., Author Surname, Initial(s)., and Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of publication, Edition or Series Statement (Place of publication: Publisher).

Alberts, B., Johnson, A., Lewis, J., Morgan, D., Raff, M., Roberts, K., and Walter, P. (2015). Molecular biology of the cell, 6th edition (Abingdon: Garland Science).

Notes

- Electronic books are referenced in the same way as print books, it is not necessary to include a URL.
- Include both authors in an in-text citation for two authors, but for three or more authors only include the first author followed by "et al".
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Book - Chapter

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Allendorf and Ryman (2002)...
...(Allendorf and Ryman, 2002)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author(s) of chapter Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of chapter. In Title of book, Edition, Editor's Initial(s). Surname, ed(s). (Place of publication: Publisher), page numbers.

Allendorf, F.W. and Ryman, N. (2002). The role of genetics in population viability analysis. In Population viability analysis, S.R. Beissinger and D.R. McCullough, eds. (Chicago: University of Chicago Press), pp. 50-85.

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Book – Edited

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Krebs and Davies (1997)...
...(Krebs and Davies, 1997)

In the bibliography/reference list

Editor's Surname, Initial(s), and Editor's Surname, Initial(s), ed or eds. (Year). Title of publication, Edition or Series Statement (Place of publication: Publisher).

Krebs, J.R., and Davies, N.B., eds. (1997). Behavioural ecology: An evolutionary approach, 4th edition (Oxford: Blackwell Scientific).

Notes

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Code

It's important to acknowledge the source of code just like you would acknowledge the source of any work that is not your own. Referencing correctly will help to distinguish your work from others, give credit to the original author and allow anyone to identify the source.

See [Referencing Code](#) for guidance. You will need to adapt the guidance to your referencing style.

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Conference Paper

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Ragan (2009)...
...(Ragan, 2009)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Paper title. In Title of conference including number of the conference, if appropriate, location and date of conference, Editor(s) Initial(s). Surname, ed(s). (Place of publication: Publisher). pp. start page-end page.

Ragan, M.A. (2009). Thinking laterally about genomes. In Genome Informatics 2009: Proceedings of the 20th International Conference, Pacifico Yokohama, Japan, 14 – 16 December 2009, S. Morishita, S.Y. Lee, and Y. Sakakibara, eds. (London: Imperial College Press). pp. 221-222.

Notes

- Electronic papers are referenced in the same way as print papers, it is not necessary to include a URL.
- Include both authors in an in-text citation for two authors, but for three or more authors only include the first author followed by "et al".
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Conference Proceeding

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Feret and Koepl (2017)...
...(Feret and Koepl, 2017)

In the bibliography/reference list

Editor's Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of conference including number of the conference, if appropriate, location and date of conference. (Place of publication: Publisher).

Feret, J., and Koepl, H., eds. (2017). Computational Methods in Systems Biology, 15th International Conference, CMSB 2017, Darmstadt, Germany, September 27–29, 2017. (Cham: Springer International Publishing).

Notes

- Electronic proceedings are referenced in the same way as print proceedings, it is not necessary to include a URL.
- If no author or editor is given on the title page, either the sponsoring organisation can be treated as the author or the name of the conference is cited first in italics.

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Dataset

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Andre (2020)...

...(Andre, 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author's Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of dataset. Repository name, DOI.

Andre, M. (2020). Thermal proteome profiling of phosphorylated proteoforms. Mendeley Data, <http://dx.doi.org/10.17632/4vwzvxfnd.4>

Notes

- A DOI refers to a Digital Object Identifier. It provides a stable, persistent link to the source you are referring to and can usually be found on the first page of the source. It begins with a prefix of either "https://doi.org/", "http://dx.doi.org/", "doi:" or "DOI:" followed by an alphanumeric string starting with the number 10, e.g. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2007.11.037>
- Whereas web addresses (URLs) may change and links become broken, DOIs will always stay the same and will enable the reader to easily access a dataset that you have referenced. Never end the link with a full stop as this will prevent the link from working.
- If a DOI isn't available, you can use the web address (URL) instead.

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Dictionary and Encyclopedia

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Lackie (2013)...
...(Lackie, 2013)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author/Editor Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title, Edition or Series Statement (Place of publication: Publisher).

Lackie, J.M., ed. (2013). The dictionary of cell and molecular biology, 5th edition (London: Academic Press).

If there is no apparent Author/Editor

Title (Year). Edition or Series Statement (Place of publication: Publisher).

Merck index (2013). 15th edition (Cambridge: The Royal Society of Chemistry).

Notes

- Certain types of material, such as dictionaries or encyclopedias, may not have one person or persons as the main originator. These can be referenced by title first.
- Electronic dictionaries and encyclopedias are referenced in the same way as print ones, it is not necessary to include a URL.

For more information about in-text citations, quotations, and creating a reference list see [Creating in-text citations and references](#).

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Images and Figures

This guidance is for citing and referencing images and figures that you are referring to in your work. If you have inserted an image or figure into your work please see the ["Guidance for taught course students inserting images and figures into university work."](#)

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

The model in the image (Gathman, 2012)...

Da Vinci's drawing of the aortic valve (c1513)...

The diagram (Tuite, 2016) shows...

...illustrating how the ends can be sealed (Allison, 2012).

In the reference list

From an online collection/social media site, e.g. Flickr, Instagram, etc.

Artist/Creator Surname, Initial(s). OR screen name. (Year). Title of image/figure [description]. Name of site. <URL>. Date accessed.

Gathman, A. (2011). DNA space-filling model [digital image]. Flickr.
<<https://www.flickr.com/photos/agathman/5367748554>>. Accessed 11th January 2022.

From a museum/gallery (either viewed in person or online)

Artist/Creator Surname, Initials. (Year). Title of image/figure [description]. Name of museum/gallery, City. [If in person] Dated viewed. [If online] <URL>. Date accessed.

Da Vinci, L. (c1513) The aortic valve [drawing]. The Queen's Gallery, Palace of Holyrood House, Edinburgh. Viewed 1st May 2019.

From a journal

Artist/Creator Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of image/figure [description]. In Title of journal article, Author of journal article (if different to Artist/Creator) Initial(s) Surname. Title of Journal, *Volume*(Issue), Page number.

Tuite, M.F. (2016). Three types of protein-based inheritance described in the yeast *saccharomyces cerevisiae* [diagram]. In Remembering the past: a new form of protein-based inheritance, *Cell* 167, 302.

From a book/ebook

Artist/Creator Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of image/figure [description]. In Title of book, Author of book (if different to Artist/Creator) Initial(s) Surname (Place of publication: Publisher), Page number.

Allison, L.A. (2012). DNA supercoiling [diagram]. In *Fundamental molecular biology*, 2nd edition (Hoboken, NJ: Wiley), p. 35.

Notes

- Images/figures from online journals are referenced in the same way as images/figures from print journals, a URL or DOI is not necessary unless you are referencing an in press article or an article preprint.
- Images/figures from online books are referenced in the same way as images/figures from print books, it is not necessary to include a URL.
- In some cases you may need to use the screen name of the creator if their real name is not available, which may be the case with image sharing or social media websites.
- If a person or corporation cannot be identified as the artist/creator, omit the artist/creator and start the reference with the title.
- If a title cannot be identified, add a description with enough details to make a meaningful title and enclose in square brackets, e.g. [Spirogyra structure].
- Some online journal articles group multiple figures together as one downloadable image. If you are only referring to one of the figures within the image, make this clear by using the title of that particular figure in your citation/reference.

- Include a description of the image/figure, e.g. [poster], [photograph], [print], [diagram], [table], etc.
- If you are referencing an image or figure from a source other than those listed above, include the details of the source in the usual format for that item type after the details of the image.
- You don't need to include a citation and reference for any images or figures that you have created yourself. Everything in your work is assumed to be your own work unless you state otherwise, i.e. by citing someone else's work.

For more information about in-text citations, quotations, and creating a reference list see [Creating in-text citations and references](#).

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Journal Article – In Press

References should include only articles that are published or in press. For references to in press articles, please confirm with the cited journal that the article is in fact accepted and in press, and include a DOI number and scheduled online publication date. (Information for authors, Cell, 2020)

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Linghu et al. (2020)...
...(Linghu et al., 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author(s) Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of the article. Title of the Journal, DOI

Linghu, C., Johnson, S.L., Valdes, P.A., Shemesh, O.A., Park, W.M., Park, D., Piatkevich, K.D., Wassie, A.T., Liu, Y., An, B., et al. (2020). Spatial multiplexing of fluorescent reporters for imaging signaling network dynamics. Cell, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cell.2020.10.035>

Notes

- For articles with up to ten authors, include all the authors' names in the reference.
- For articles with eleven or more authors, include the first ten authors' names in the reference followed by "et al."
- Give the full title of the article with only the first word and any proper nouns capitalised.
- Only use an abbreviation for the title of the journal if your department recommends that you do so. Capitalise each significant word.

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Journal Article – Preprint

Posted preprints may also be included in the References list with appropriate identification information and an independent persistent identifier such as a DOI. (Information for authors, Cell, 2020)

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Burkhardt et al. (2020)...
...(Burkhardt et al., 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author(s) Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of the article. Repository name, DOI

Burkhardt, D.B., Stanley, J.S., Tong, A., Perdigoto, A.L., Gigante, S.A., Herold, K.C., Wolf, G., Giraldez, A.J., van Dijk, D., and Krishnaswamy, S. (2020). Quantifying the effects of experimental perturbations at single-cell resolution. bioRxiv, <https://doi.org/10.1101/532846>

Notes

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- For articles with eleven or more authors, include the first ten authors' names in the reference followed by "et al."
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Journal Article – Published

Article with one author

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

White (2020)...
...(White, 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of the article. Title of the Journal *Volume*, page numbers.

White, M.F. (2020). Bacteria SAVED from viruses. *Cell* 182, 5-6.

Article with two authors

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Vijg and Dong (2020)...
...(Vijg and Dong, 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s)., and Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of the article. Title of the Journal *Volume*, page numbers.

Vijg, J., and Dong, X. (2020). Pathogenic mechanisms of somatic mutation and genome mosaicism in aging. *Cell* 182, 12-23.

Article with three to ten authors

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Harvey et al. (2020)...
...(Harvey et al., 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s), and Author Surname, Initial(s). (Year). Title of the article. Title of the Journal *Volume*, page numbers.

Harvey, Z.H., Chakravarty, A.K, Futia, R.A., and Jarosz, D.F. (2020). A prion epigenetic switch establishes an active chromatin state. *Cell* 180, 928-940.

Article with eleven or more authors

In the text

For an in-text citation in your work, you would cite the reference as follows:

Anava et al. (2020)...
...(Anava et al., 2020)

In the bibliography/reference list

Author Surname, Initial(s), and Author Surname, Initial(s), et al. (Year). Title of the article. Title of the Journal *Volume*, page numbers.

Anava, S., Neuhof, M., Gingold, H., Sagy, O., Munters, A., Svensson, E.M., Afshinnekoo, E., Danko, D., Foox, J., Shor, P., et al. (2020). Illuminating genetic mysteries of the Dead Sea Scrolls. *Cell* 181, 1218-1231.

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