

10.2 Text Citation

As a rule, all the references given in the list of references should be cited in the body of a text (i.e., in the text proper, any appendix, any footnotes to either of these, figure legends, or tables). Of course, any reference may be cited more than once. Citation may take one of two forms:

- By number, whether sequential by citation or according to the sequence in an alphabetized list
- By name of cited author and year of publication

Only one form of citation is permitted within a publication.

Reference citations within an abstract of a journal article must be treated differently since a reader may only have the abstract (and not the text or the list of references). Regardless of the style of citation otherwise used, in an abstract a reference citation should take the form, for example, "as reported by Smith (JAMA 352:24-28, 2004)."

10.2.1 Citation by Number

Arabic numbers are used for citation, which is sequential either by order of citation or by alphabetical order of the references, whichever sequence is used in the list of references (on alphabetization, see Sect. 10.3). The reference numbers are given in brackets and are not superscript. Please observe the following guidelines:

- Single citation: [9].
- Multiple citation: [4–6, 9]. The numbers should be listed in numerical order.
- Sequential citation by order of citation: reference 7 cannot be cited before reference 5, for example.

10.2.2 Citation by Name and Year

Citation by name and year can be given entirely in parentheses or by citing the year in parentheses after an author's name used in the text. Adhere to the following usage:

- One author: Miller (1998) or (Miller 1998)
- Two authors: Miller and Smith (2001) or (Miller and Smith 2001)
- More than two authors: Miller et al. (1999) or (Miller et al. 1999)
- Letters are used to distinguish references whose citations would otherwise be identical (e.g., Miller 1998a, b).
- Do not repeat the names of authors of multiple citations (e.g., Miller 1998a, 2001; Miller and Smith 2001).

– The citations of several references mentioned at one position do not have to be listed in alphabetical order. Leave the order of citation used by the author.

Generally, the author names are in normal type, but observe any instructions for the names to be put into italics or small capitals.

10.2.3 Variants

Any pages, figures etc. referred to specifically should be given in the text with the citations, as in these examples: (see p. 43 in [9]), (see Fig. 4 in Smith and Jones 1997), and (see Chap. 3 in Jones 1998).