

GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

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- Title
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Text

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- Method
- Results
- Discussion
- Conclusion
- References

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INTRODUCTION - Provide background for the study (that is, the nature of the problem and its significance). State the specific purpose or research objective of, or hypothesis tested by, the study or observation. Provide only directly pertinent references and do not include data or conclusions from the work being reported.

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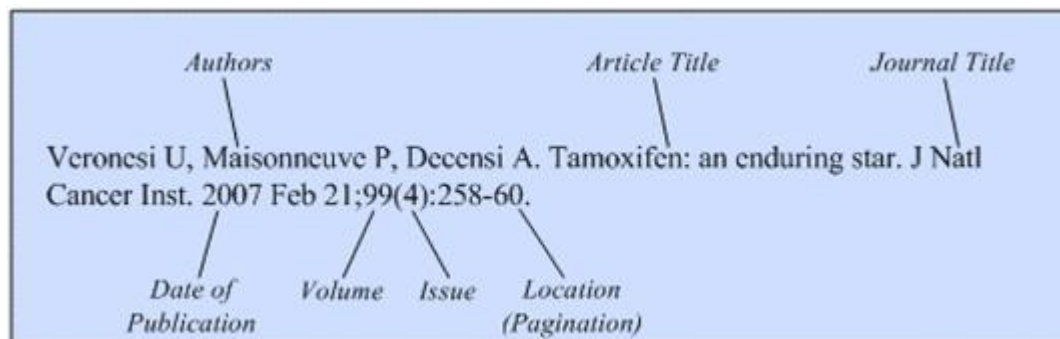
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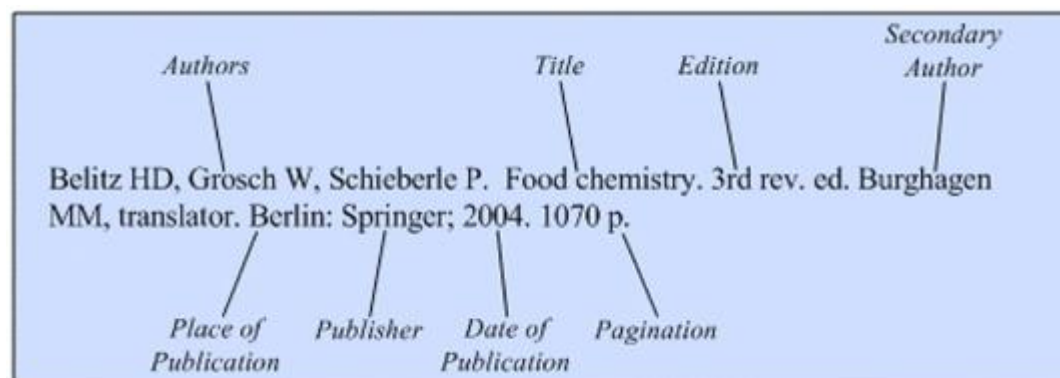
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