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Conventions:

- Each citation includes the *Chemical Abstracts Service Source Index* (CASSI) abbreviation of the journal it appears in. All CASSI abbreviations are italicized and can be found on p. 288 of the *ACS Style Guide*.
- Cite by the author's last name, followed by their first and middle initials.
- Use **semicolons** between the names of multiple authors.
- Article titles are not required, but are often used.
- In ACS journals, follow the capitalization of the original title.
- In all other publications, capitalize the main words.
- If specific page numbers are used, the abbreviation p or pp (without punctuation) is used and the page numbers follow.

Examples (single-spaced here to conserve space):

Book without editor:

1. James, D. C. *Understanding the Biochemistry of Respiration*; Cambridge: New York, 1991; pp 45-56.

Book with editor:

2. Coffin, B. J. Trihydric Alcohols, their Analogues and Derivatives and their Oxidation Products: Trihydric Alcohols to Triketones. In *Supplements to the 2nd Edition of: Rodd's Chemistry of Carbon Compounds*; Ahsell, M.F., Ed.; Elsevier Science Publishers: Netherlands, 1983, pp 145-174.

Journal article:

3. Jianmin, G.; Liu, H.; Kool, E. Expanded-Size Bases in Naturally Sized DNA: Evaluation of Steric Effects in Watson-Crick Pairing. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2004**, *126*, 11826-11831.

Government publication:

4. *Solid Waste Management and Greenhouse Gases: A Life Cycle Assessment of Emissions and Sinks*; U.S. Environment Protection Agency, U.S. Government Printing Office: Washington, DC, 2006.

Nonscientific magazines and newspapers:

5. Mandel, J. Chemistry Change in Batteries Could Make for Safer Electric Cars. *The New York Times*, Aug 24, 2009, p D4.

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