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Hoare, K. J. (2014). Children's participation in society is likely to lead to their improved health and wellbeing. *New Zealand Medical Journal*, 127 (1405), 12-14. Retrieved from <https://www.nzma.org.nz/journal>

Leger, D. (1994). The cost of sleep-related accidents: A report for the National Commission on Sleep Disorders Research. *Sleep*, 17 (1), 84-93.

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Examples

Garnevska, E., Joseph, H., & Kingi, T. (2014). Development and challenges of cocoa cooperatives in Papua New Guinea: Case of Manus province. *Asia Pacific Business Review*, 20 (3), 419-438. doi:10.1080/13602381.2014.931046

Mauermann, M. L., & Watson, J. C. (2017). A novel treatment for carpal tunnel syndrome? *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*, 92 (8), 1173-1175. doi:10.1016/j.mayocp.2017.06.012

Lotoala, F., Breheny, M., Alpass, F., & Henricksen, A. (2014). Health and wellbeing of older Pacific peoples in New Zealand. *New Zealand Medical Journal*, 127 (1407), 27-39. Retrieved from <https://www.nzma.org.nz/>

Picard, M., Tempere, S., de Revel, G., & Marchand, S. (2015). A sensory study of the ageing bouquet of red Bordeaux wines: A three-step approach for exploring a complex olfactory concept. *Food Quality and Preference*, 42 , 110-122.

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Shuker, C., Bohm, G., Bramley, D., Frost, S., Galler, D., Hamblin, R., . . . Merry, A. F. (2015). The health quality and safety commission: Making good health care better. *New Zealand Medical Journal*, 128 (1408), 97-109. Retrieved from <https://www.nzma.org.nz/journal>

Väyrynen, S., Kesälahti, E., Pynninen, T., Siivola, J., Flotskaya, N., Bulanova, S., . . . Afonkina, Y. (2016). Finnish and Russian teachers supporting the development of social skills. *European Journal of Teacher Education*, 39 (4), 437-451.

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Examples

United Nations Development Programme. (1984). Technical co-operation for energy development in developing countries. *OPEC Review*, 8 (2), 171-182.
doi:10.1111/j.1468-0076.1984.tb00274.x

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). (1994). Zidovudine for the prevention of HIV transmission from mother to infant. *MMWR. Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, 43 (16), 285-287.

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Examples

Chronic pelvic pain in women. (2016). *Best Practice Journal*, (73), 38-40. Retrieved from <http://www.bpac.org.nz/BPJ/>

When hiring execs, context matters most. (2017). *Harvard Business Review*, 95 (5), 20-22.

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Example

Massi, D., & Laurino, M. (2019). Machine versus man in skin cancer diagnosis. *The Lancet Oncology*, Advance online publication. doi:10.1016/S1470-2045(19)30391-2

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One author

- ... the economic cost of motor vehicle accidents caused by sleepiness (Leger, 1994). Sleep deprivation, according to Ledger (1994), also leads to higher rates of work-related injuries.
- In a recent study, Leger (1994) explored the economic cost of sleepiness in accidents. Leger further claims that sleep deprivation leads to higher work-related injuries.

Two authors

Use '&' between the authors' surnames when they are enclosed within brackets. Use 'and' when they form part of the sentence.

... carpal tunnel syndrome is significantly higher in diabetic patients (Mauermann & Watson, 2017). Mauermann and Watson (2017) noted that it was a risk factor for both type 1 and 2 diabetics.

Mauermann and Watson (2017) found that the use of D5W for carpal tunnel syndrome significantly reduced the level of pain. Mauermann and Watson also noted a reduction in patient's disability scores.

Three to five authors

List all surnames in the first citation, but subsequently only the first listed author is used, followed by et al. A comma precedes '&' and 'and' when there are three or more authors.

... in terms of export earnings, the cocoa industry is Papua New Guinea's third most important sector (Garnevaska, Joseph, & Kingi, 2014). A worrying trend noted by Garnevaska et al. (2014), was the decline of the cocoa industry in the province of Manus.

Garnevaska, Joseph, and Kingi (2014) found that cocoa cooperatives impacted on the development of rural areas of Papua New Guinea. Garnevaska et al. linked cooperative member's attitudes towards governance and management as one of the key successes to the development of a cooperative.

Six or more authors

Cite only the surname of the first author followed by 'et al.'

... global environmental events impacted on the evolution of vascular plant patterns (Anderson et al., 1999). Anderson et al. (1999) discovered a clear linking between vascular plant-bearing formations and standard geological time-scale.

Anderson et al. (1999) discussed the connection of plants changing the ecosystems. Though Anderson et al. acknowledged that the dominant gymnosperm orders are endemic to the Gondwana Kingdom.

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... the effectiveness of zidovudine in the prevention of human immunodeficiency virus transmission (HIV) from mothers to babies (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [CDC], 1994).

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- CDC (1994) reported that each year about 7000 HIV-infected women give birth and of those 35% have HIV-infected babies.

OR

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP, 1984) provides assistance to developing countries to help improve their socioeconomic conditions.

Subsequently cite the name of the group in the abbreviated form.

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The article "When Hiring Execs" (2017) suggests that you ascertain personality attributes, skills and appropriate experiences of executives as leaders before hiring.

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When hiring execs, context matters most. (2017). *Harvard Business Review*, 95 (5), 20-22.

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- ... the results show that "sleepiness seems to be a very underrated factor in accidents" (Leger, 1994, p. 91).
- Leger (1994) stated that "sleepiness seems to be a very underrated factor in accidents" (p. 91).
- Picard, Tempere, de Revel, and Marchand, (2015) observe that "the sense of taste relies heavily on smell" (p. 13).
- ... and it was found that "the sense of taste relies heavily on smell" (Picard, Tempere, de Revel, & Marchand, 2015, p. 13).

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