

ASM Style Guide for References

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(i) References listed in the References section.

The following types of references must be listed in the References section:

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- Books (both print and online)
- Book chapters (publication title is required)
- Patents
- Theses and dissertations
- Published conference proceedings
- Meeting abstracts (from published abstract books or journal supplements)
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Follow the styles shown in the examples below.

1. Caserta E, Haemig HAH, Manias DA, Tomsic J, Grundy FJ, Henkin TM, Dunny GM. 2012. *In vivo* and *in vitro* analyses of regulation of the pheromone-responsive *prgQ* promoter by the PrgX pheromone receptor protein. *J Bacteriol* 194:3386-3394.
2. Bina XR, Taylor DL, Vikram A, Ante VM, Bina JE. 2013. *Vibrio cholerae* ToxR downregulates virulence factor production in response to cyclo(Phe-Pro). *mBio* 4:e00366-13.
3. Winnick S, Lucas DO, Hartman AL, Toll D. 2005. How do you improve compliance? *Pediatrics* 115:e718-e724.
4. Falagas ME, Kasiakou SK. 2006. Use of international units when dosing colistin will help decrease confusion related to various formulations of the drug around the world. *Antimicrob Agents Chemother* 50:2274-2275. (Letter.) {"Letter" or "Letter to the editor" is allowed but not required at the end of such an entry.}

5. Cox CS, Brown BR, Smith JC. J Gen Genet, in press.* {Article title is optional; journal title is mandatory.}
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7. da Costa MS, Nobre MF, Rainey FA. 2001. Genus I. Thermus Brock and Freeze 1969, 295^{AL} emend. Nobre, Trüper and da Costa 1996b, 605, p 404-414. In Boone DR, Castenholz RW, Garrity GM (ed), Bergey's manual of systematic bacteriology, 2nd ed, vol 1. Springer, New York, NY.
8. Fitzgerald G, Shaw D. In Waters AE (ed), Clinical microbiology, in press. EFH Publishing Co, Boston, MA.* {Chapter title is optional.}
9. Green PN, Hood D, Dow CS. 1984. Taxonomic status of some methylotrophic bacteria, p 251-254. In Crawford RL, Hanson RS (ed), Microbial growth on C₁ compounds. Proceedings of the 4th International Symposium. American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC.
10. Rotimi VO, Salako NO, Mohaddas EM, Philip LP. 2005. Abstr 45th Intersci Conf Antimicrob Agents Chemother, abstr D-1658. {Abstract title is optional.}
11. Smith D, Johnson C, Maier M, Maurer JJ. 2005. Distribution of fimbrial, phage and plasmid associated virulence genes among poultry *Salmonella enterica* serovars, abstr P-038, p 445. Abstr 105th Gen Meet Am Soc Microbiol. American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC. {Abstract title is optional.}
12. García CO, Paira S, Burgos R, Molina J, Molina JF, Calvo C, Vega L, Jara LJ, García-Kutzbach A, Cuellar ML, Espinoza LR. 1996. Detection of *Salmonella* DNA in synovial membrane and synovial fluid from Latin American patients using the polymerase chain reaction. Arthritis Rheum 39(Suppl 9):S185. {Meeting abstract published in journal supplement.}
13. O'Malley DR. 1998. PhD thesis. University of California, Los Angeles, CA. {Title is optional.}
14. Stratagene. 2006. Yeast DNA isolation system: instruction manual. Stratagene, La Jolla, CA. {Use the company name as the author if none is provided for a company publication.}
15. Odell JC. April 1970. Process for batch culturing. US patent 484,363,770. {Include the name of the patented item/process if possible; the patent number is mandatory.}

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(ii) References cited in the text.

References that should be cited in the text include the following:

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... system was used (J. L. McInerney, A. F. Holden, and P. N. Brighton, submitted for publication).

... as described previously (M. G. Gordon and F. L. Rattner, presented at the Fourth Symposium on Food Microbiology, Overton, IL, 13 to 15 June 1989). *{For nonpublished abstracts and posters, etc.}*

... this new process (V. R. Smoll, 20 June 1999, Australian Patent Office). *{For non-U.S. patent applications, give the date of publication of the application.}*

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(P. S. Satheshkumar, A. S. Weisberg, and B. Moss, *J Virol* 87:10700–10709, 2013, doi:10.1128/JVI.01258-13)

(J. H. Coggin, Jr., p. 93–114, in D. O. Fleming and D. L. Hunt, ed., *Biological Safety. Principles and Practices*, 4th ed., 2006)

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