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### Personal communication: email message

**Example:** Smith A. Allocation concealment used in our trial [personal communication]. Email to: C Keystone 27 November 2009.

<b>Reference ID</b>	Smith 2009 [pers comm]
<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Smith A <i>Author of the email</i>
<b>English title</b>	Allocation concealment used in our trial [personal communication] <i>Email subject line</i>
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Email to: C Keystone <i>Email recipient</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	27 November 2009 <i>Date email sent</i>

### Personal communication: letter

**Example:** Smith A. (Vaccine Research Group, London, UK) [personal communication]. Letter to: C Keystone (Vaccine Review Study Team, London, UK) 27 November 2009.

<b>Reference ID</b>	Smith 2009 [pers comm]
<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Smith A. (Vaccine Research Group, London, UK) <i>Letter author (letter author's affiliation)</i>
<b>English title</b>	[personal communication]
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Letter to: C Keystone (Vaccine Review Study Team, London, UK) <i>Letter recipient (letter recipient's affiliation)</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	27 November 2009 <i>Date letter sent</i>
<b>Volume</b>	Located at: [insert archive name and address] <i>Complete this section if the letter is available in a public</i>

### Personal communication: other communication (e.g. conversation)

**Example:** Smith A. (Vaccine Research Group, London, UK). [personal communication]. Conversation with: C Keystone (Vaccine Review Study Team, London, UK) 27 November 2009.

<b>Reference ID</b>	Smith 2009 [pers comm]
<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Smith A. (Vaccine Research Group, London, UK) <i>Person contacted for conversation (person's affiliation)</i>
<b>English title</b>	[personal communication]
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Conversation with: C Keystone (Vaccine Review Study Team, London, UK) <i>Person who initiated conversation or citing conversation (person's affiliation)</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	27 November 2009 <i>Date conversation held</i>

### Unpublished data

**Example:** UK/Asia trialists. Individual patient data (as supplied 1 April 1995). Data on file.

<b>Reference type</b>	Unpublished data
<b>Authors</b>	UK/Asia trialists
<b>English title</b>	Individual patient data (as supplied 1 April 1995)
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Data on file

### Figure, table or appendix in a journal article

Use this format when referencing a figure, table or appendix within a journal article, or when reproducing such material in a Cochrane Review.

**Example:** Osrin D, Vaidya A, Shrestha Y, Baniya RB, Manandhar DS, Adhikari RK, et al. Effects of antenatal multiple micronutrient supplementation on birthweight and gestational duration in Nepal: double-blind, randomised controlled trial. *Lancet* 2005;365(9463):955-62. Figure, Trial profile; p. 958.

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Osrin D, Vaidya A, Shrestha Y, Baniya RB, Manandhar DS, Adhikari RK, et al
<b>English title</b>	Effects of antenatal multiple micronutrient supplementation on birthweight and gestational duration in Nepal: double-blind, randomised controlled trial
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	<i>Lancet</i>

<b>Date of publication</b>	2005
<b>Volume</b>	365
<b>Issue</b>	9463
<b>Pages</b>	955-62. Figure, Trial profile; p. 958

### Study listed in a trial register

**Example:** NCT00119132. Effectiveness of intermittent preventive treatment for malaria in children [Study of impact of intermittent preventive treatment in children with amodiaquine plus artesunate versus sulphadoxine-pyrimethamine on hemoglobin levels and malaria morbidity in Hohoe District of Ghana]. [clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT00119132](https://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT00119132) (first received 10 August 2005).

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Study ID</b>	NCT00119132 <i>Trial registration number</i>
<b>Authors</b>	NCT00119132 <i>Trial registration number</i>
<b>English title</b>	Effectiveness of intermittent preventive treatment for malaria in children  <i>Use 'Brief title' or 'Public title' of trial as given in register (in sentence case)</i>
<b>Original title</b>	Study of impact of intermittent preventive treatment in children with amodiaquine plus artesunate versus sulphadoxine-pyrimethamine on hemoglobin levels and malaria morbidity in Hohoe District of Ghana  <i>Use any other title that may be included in the register (in sentence case)</i>
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	<a href="https://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT00119132">https://clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT00119132</a>  <i>Website address showing trial registration form</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	(first posted 10 August 2005)  <i>Date the study record was first posted to or registered with the trials register (if possible, use the wording used by the trials register).</i>

### Ongoing study (not in trial register or journal)

**Example:** Der Hoeven EJRJ, Schonewille WJ, Vos JA. BASilar artery International Cooperation Study (BASICS) trial. [www.basicstrial.com](http://www.basicstrial.com) (accessed 1 June 2016).

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Study ID</b>	Der Hoeven ongoing  <i>Contact person's family name plus word 'ongoing'</i>
<b>Authors</b>	Der Hoeven EJRJ, Schonewille WJ, Vos JA.  <i>Listed contact people</i>

<b>English title</b>	Basilar artery international cooperation study (BASICS) trial <i>Main title of trial as given in document (in sentence case)</i>
<b>Original title</b>	
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	https://www.basicstrial.com <i>Description of source where ongoing study located (e.g. website address)</i>
<b>Date of publication</b>	(accessed 1 June 2016) <i>Date above website accessed, given in brackets</i>

## Scientific or technical report

**Example:** Akutsu T. Total heart replacement device. Bethesda (MD): National Institutes of Health, National Heart and Lung Institute; 1974 April. Report No.: NIH NHLI 69 2185 4.

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Akutsu T
<b>English title</b>	Total heart replacement device
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Bethesda (MD): National Institutes of Health, National Heart and Lung Institute; 1974 April. Report No.: NIH-NHLI-69-2185-4

## Supplementary materials

Supplementary materials could refer to data or other resources that are published as part of an article (so would have the same authors, date, and underlying source, but would be designated as supplementary material) or could refer to accompanying or linked materials (with different authors, title, date, etc). Therefore, when citing supplementary materials consider whether the materials are presented as part of the main article or as work that has been published independently from the main article.

For supplementary materials that are part of an article, cite the article as usual, but add the section name/number and title of the supplementary materials to the end of the reference. For further guidance and examples, refer to [Citing Medicine: examples of citations to parts of journal articles](#).

For supplementary materials that are independent of the article, locate the primary source for the supplementary material and cite according to the [reference type](#).

## Electronic publication ahead of print

**Example:** Feldman RD, Zou GY, Vandervoort MK, Wong CJ, Nelson SA, Feagan BG. A simplified approach to the treatment of uncomplicated hypertension. A cluster randomized, controlled trial. Hypertension 2009 Feb 23 [Epub ahead of print]. [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1161/HYPERTENSIONAHA.108.123455>]

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Feldman RD, Zou GY, Vandervoort MK, Wong CJ, Nelson SA, Feagan BG
<b>English title</b>	A simplified approach to the treatment of uncomplicated hypertension. A cluster randomized, controlled trial.
<b>Original title</b>	
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	Hypertension

<b>Date of publication</b>	2009 Feb 23 [Epub ahead of print]
<b>Identifier: DOI</b>	https://doi.org/10.1161/HYPERTENSIONAHA.108.123455 Note: it is highly desirable to have a DOI for e-publications.

## Preprint

**Example:** Blanchard AC, Desforages M, Labbé AC, Nguyen CT, Petit Y, Besner D, et al. Evaluation of real-life use of Point-of-Care Rapid Antigen TEsting for SARS-CoV-2 in schools (EPOCRATES). MedRxiv 2022 [Preprint]. [DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1101/2021/10.13.21264960>]

<b>Reference type</b>	Other
<b>Authors</b>	Blanchard AC, Desforages M, Labbé AC, Nguyen CT, Petit Y, Besner D, et al
<b>English title</b>	Evaluation of real-life use of Point-of-Care Rapid Antigen TEsting for SARS-CoV-2 in schools (EPOCRATES)
<b>Original title</b>	
<b>Journal/book/source</b>	MedRxiv
<b>Date of publication</b>	2022 [Preprint]
<b>Identifier: DOI</b>	https://doi.org/10.1101/2021/10.13.21264960 Note: it is highly desirable to have a DOI for e-publications.