Citing in American Medical Association (AMA) Style
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Formatting your paper:
The AMA Manual of Style does not provide specific direction on all style elements. The following are general
formatting practices. Check with your instructor for specific formatting rules.

- Paper components: title page, abstract, text (body of paper), and references list
- Left alignment, 1" margins, ½" indents, place pg. # in top, right corner of header (beginning with title pg.)
- 14 pt. and lower Serif font for body text, 14 pt. and higher Sans-serif font for titles and subtitles

General style rules:

Body of paper
AMA style uses a superscript number to cite sources referred to in the body of a paper. A superscript number is a
number smaller than the normal line of font and set slightly above it.

- Place the superscript numerals outside of periods and commas and inside commas and semicolons.
- When multiple sources are consulted to present a fact or prepare an idea, cite each source, and use
  hyphens to join the first and last numbers of a closed series, or commas without space to separate
  numbers.

Reference List
AMA style requires the inclusion of a reference list at the end of a paper (on its own page). Title the page
“References” [no quotation marks] and place it in the top, center of the page.

- References should be listed in numerical order, in order of appearance within the paper, not alphabetically.
- List the author’s last name followed by initials without periods. If there are between 1 and 6 authors, list all
  authors separated by commas. If there are more than 6 authors, list the first 3 followed by “et al.” [no
  quotation marks]
- Abbreviate journal titles according to the National Library of Medicine’s (NLM) Catalog. Please note: make
  sure you are using the journal name, not the name of the database or publisher.
- Do not enter spaces between the year, volume, issue, and page numbers (and any intervening
  punctuation) when creating a reference.
- Provide the most direct URL (the journal publisher’s Website) to an electronic article and the date it was
  accessed if it does not have a doi (e.g., www.elsevier.com/locate/fbio Accessed October 5, 2015).

The basic format for an electronic journal article:
Author(s). Title. Journal Name. Year;volume(issue No.):inclusive pages. doi:

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