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(See pp. 289 & 291, ACS Style Guide)  

**NOTE:** List all authors in literature cited. | Stephenson and McLuckey¹ | (Stephenson and McLuckey, 1998) |
| **Journal article** 3 or more authors  
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**NOTE:** Include an issue number for journals in which each issue begins with page 1. | O’Brien et al. (2) | (O’Brien et al., 1988) |
| **Journal article** 1 author  
(See p. 296, ACS Style Guide)  

**NOTE:** If a journal title is only one word, do not abbreviate it. | Marx³ | (Marx, 2005) |
| **Journal article** One-word journal title  
(See p. 291, ACS Style Guide)  

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| **Journal article** Online - PDF  
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Deciphering citations:

The following illustration shows some of the common elements within a citation. This example is based on a journal article retrieved online in PDF format.

- **Author(s)**
  
  Authors’ names are inverted (last name followed by a comma then first and middle initials (if given))
  
  For more than one author, insert a semi-colon after the first author’s first initial(s) then add the additional author(s) names
  
  End with a period

- **Article Title**
  
  Capitalize all principal words in the title (e.g. not words such as “of”, “the”, “is”)
  
  End the title with a period

- **Journal Title**
  
  Abbreviate the journal name with a period after each abbreviation (see links on pg. 1 of ACS Citation Style QuickGuide for abbreviations)
  
  Italicize the abbreviated journal title

- **Format**
  
  Single-spaced with a hanging indent

- **Medium of Publication**
  
  For articles accessed online, indicate “Online” in square brackets

- **Date of Publication**
  
  Bold year of publication, followed by a comma

- **Volume/Issue**
  
  Give volume number in italics followed by the issue number in brackets (if given), followed by a comma

- **Page Numbers**
  
  Give inclusive page numbers for the entire article, separated by a dash and followed by a period

- **URL**
  
  Provide the URL used to access the article

- **Date of Access**
  
  Indicate the date the article was accessed (i.e. the date you looked at it) in the order shown above in parentheses