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## General Formatting for References

- **Font**: Times New Roman, 12 pt.
- **Spacing**: Double-spaced.
- **Alignment**: Left-aligned (no indent at the beginning of the reference).
- **Font Style**: Italic for journal titles and book titles.
- **Punctuation**: Ensure proper use of commas, periods, and colons as specified in the guidelines.
- **Authors**: List all authors up to 3 authors. If more than 3, list the first 3 authors followed by “et al.”
- **Use of Abbreviations**: Journal names should be abbreviated in accordance with the style used by PubMed/NCBI, if applicable.

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## In-Text Citation Format

GACOPA Med J uses **numeric in-text citations**. Citations in the text should appear as superscript numbers in the order of their first mention (chronologically).

- Example: "Recent studies have shown a significant increase in heart disease risk in older populations [1]."

- When citing multiple references in one place, separate the numbers with commas, with no spaces: **(1,2,4)**.
- For paraphrased content, reference citations should still appear in the same format: "Previous studies have indicated a correlation between diet and health outcomes**[3]**."

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## Reference List Format

The references should be listed at the **end of the manuscript** under the section titled "References." The list should be organized in the **order in which they are cited in the text** (numeric order).

## Journal Articles

**Format**:
Author(s). Title of the article. *Journal Name*. Year;Volume(Issue):Page range.
Example:
Smith J, Brown A, Davis L, et al. The role of genetics in cardiovascular disease. *J Cardiovasc Med*. 2022;45(7):1104-1112.

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## Books

**Format**:
Author(s). Title of the Book. Edition. Place of

publication: Publisher; Year of publication. Example:
Anderson K. *Textbook of Internal Medicine*. 2nd ed. New York, NY: Health Press; 2019.

## Book Chapters

**Format**:
Author(s) of the chapter. Title of the chapter. In: Editor(s) of the book, ed(s). *Title of the Book*. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; Year of publication. p. page range.
Example:
Miller R, Cohen J. Stroke and rehabilitation. In: Martin T, Smith J, eds. *Neurology in Practice*. 3rd ed. London: Medical Press; 2018. p. 45-58.

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## Conference Abstracts

**Format**:
Author(s). Title of the abstract. In: Proceedings of the Conference Name; Year Month Date(s); City, Country. Abstract number.
Example: Chavez M, Wong P. Advances in cancer immunotherapy. In: Proceedings of the 2023 International Oncology Conference; 2023 Jul 10-12; Paris, France. Abstract 101.

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## Online Articles/Reports

**Format**:
Author(s). Title of the article. *Website Name*. Year [cited Year Month Day]. Available from: URL
Example:
Thompson G. Global trends in infectious diseases. *World Health Organization*. 2023 [cited 2023 Jan 15]. Available from: https://www.who.int/global_trends_in_infectious_diseases

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## Government or Institutional Reports

**Format**:
Author(s) or Organization. Title of the report. Place of publication: Publisher; Year. Report number (if available).
Example:
World Health Organization. *Global health statistics report 2023*. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2023. WHO Report 2023/15.

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## 3.7. Clinical Trials and Registries

**Format**:
Trial Name. Title of the trial. *Registry Name*. Year [cited Year Month Day]. Available from: URL

Example:
OPERA Study Group. Efficacy of combination therapy in asthma treatment. *ClinicalTrials.gov*. 2022 [cited 2023 Feb 10]. Available from: https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04524345

## Special Considerations

- **Personal communications**: Personal communications, including emails or conversations, are cited in-text only and are not included in the reference list. Format in-text citation as follows: *"Personal communication with Dr. Smith, February 2023."*
- **Unpublished data**: These should also be cited in-text and not included in the reference list. Provide relevant details in the text. Example:
  *"Data from an unpublished study (Smith et al., 2023)"*.
- **Abbreviations**: Journal names should be abbreviated according to the NLM Catalog

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## Examples

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## Additional Formatting Notes

- **DOIs**: If available, provide the DOI for journal articles. The DOI should be written as: Example: **doi: 10.1002/j.12345**
- **URLs**: For online resources, ensure that URLs are complete and up to date. Do not use shortened URLs.
- **Author Names**: List the last name followed by initials (no periods after initials). Separate authors with commas and use "et al." for more than six authors.

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