Cell Journal Style Guide for Biology Thesis Students

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References (bibliography)

- More than 10 authors are followed by a comma and “et al.” without quotes; no space between first and middle initials.
- The year of publication is listed inside parentheses, followed by a period.
- Only the first word of the article title (or title of a volume of a series) and proper nouns are capitalized.
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REFERENCES


In-text citations

- One author: (Rodriguez, 2011).
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Figures

- Below or next to the figure put a legend with the figure title, beginning with the word Figure followed by the number of the figure, a period, a space, and then the title, which has all significant words capitalized. A new paragraph describes the figure.

- Refer to the figure in the text of your thesis as Figure and the number:

See this figure on page 874 and this text referring to it on page 875 of this article:

Tables

- See specifications at www.cell.com/cell/authors (scroll down to Tables).
- Tables should be created from data gathered by the thesis author rather than copied from published works.
- Tables should be formatted using the Word table insert feature.
- Above the table, in bold, type Table followed by a space, the table number, a period, a space, and the title of the table.
- Define symbols, terms, and abbreviations in a legend below the table using superscript lowercase letters, ending the explanatory note with a period.

See this table at the top of page 781 and this text referring to it on page 782 of this article:

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For each concentration, 20-100 males were tested.

*Seven concentrations between 100 nM and 1 mM were tested.

Five concentrations between 10 μM and 10 mM were tested.

Five concentrations between 1 μM and 6 mM were tested.