

Changes to Veterinary Pathology Reference Styles

Beginning on May 1, 2026, *Veterinary Pathology* will transition to being fully compliant with the American Medical Association (AMA) Style Guide in order to align the style and formatting of *Veterinary Pathology* with other scientific and medical journals. The primary change to *Veterinary Pathology* manuscripts is that references will be listed according to the order they are cited in the manuscript rather than alphabetically. This transition will only affect new submissions, to minimize the impact of manuscripts currently under consideration. Manuscripts in process (i.e., in review or revision) at the time of transition will not be asked to change reference formatting.

The new citation guidelines are as follows:

- Number references according to the order they cited in the text
- In-text citations should be superscript numbers that appear
 - After periods and commas
 - Before colons and semi-colons
- Multiple references are separated by commas with no spaces (e.g... in dogs.^{1,4,7})
- Dashes can be used to cite 3 or more consecutive references (e.g... in dogs.¹⁻⁴)

Reference styles are unchanged:

- **Article in a journal, ≤6 authors:** Holman RT, Wiese HF, Smith AN. Essential fatty acid deficiency. *Am J Pathol.* 1976;95:255–257.
- **Article in a journal, >6 authors** (list the first 3, then et al.): Ortega J, Uzal FA, Walker R, et al. Zygomycotic lymphadenitis in slaughtered feedlot cattle. *Am J Pathol.* 2009;47:108–114.
- **Supplement in a journal:** Nardley HJ. Sterols and keratinization. *Br J Dermatol.* 1969;81(Suppl 2):29–42.
- **Chapter in a book (for which each chapter has a different author):** Sligh EG. Neutral lipid storage disease. In: Dyer WJ, ed. *Biochemistry of Lipids.* 5th ed. Academic Press; 1956.
- **Book (for which the entire book has the same authors):** Modlin J, Jenkins P. *Decision Analysis in Planning for a Polio Outbreak in the United States.* Pediatric Academic Societies; 2004.
- **Digital references:** Tseng V. Effect of noise reduction methods in the ICU on sleep quality. UC Irvine. June 8, 2016. Accessed August 17, 2016. <http://escholarship.org/uc/item/190551hq>
- **Preprints:** Bloss CS, Wineinger NE, Peters M, et al. A prospective randomized trial examining health care utilization in individuals using multiple smartphone-enabled biosensors. Preprint. Posted online October 28, 2015. bioRxiv 029983. doi:10.1101/029983
- **References for data repositories and data:** HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee. Human Gene Nomenclature database search engine. Accessed March 14, 2018. <http://www.genenames.org>