

# QUICK GUIDE: ACS CITATION STYLE

The *ACS Style Guide*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., is the standard citation style for chemistry. This Quick Guide includes the most common formats from that publication. Examples of publication types not included in the *ACS Style Guide* were created based on the most relevant examples available. If writing for publication you should also check the “guide to authors” for the journal to which you are submitting your manuscript.

## BOOKS

Several factors, such as whether a book is in a series, is cited in its entirety or only in part, has different editions, etc. can cause variations in the citation format. These are some common formats.

### Book with authors (pp 300-304)

Beall, H.; Trimbur, J. *A Short Guide to Writing about Chemistry*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed.; Longman: New York, 2001; pp 17-32.

### Books with editors (citing the entire book; p 302)

Editors' names can appear in either the author (first example) or the editor position (second example).

Richey, H. G., Ed. *Grignard Reagents: New Developments*; John Wiley & Sons: Chicester, U.K., 2000.

*Grignard Reagents: New Developments*; Richey, H. G., Ed.; John Wiley & Sons: Chicester, U.K., 2000.

### Chapter in an edited book (p 301)

McBrien, M. Selecting the Correct pH Value for HPLC. In *HPLC Made to Measure: A Practical Handbook for Optimization*; Kromidas, S., Ed.; Wiley-VCH: Weinheim, Germany, 2006; pp 89-103.

### Books in a series (p 306)

Books published in a series may be cited either as a book (first example) or as a journal (second example). If the latter is used, then the *CASSI* abbreviation for the series title should also be used.

Seeber, G.; Tiedemann, B. E. F.; Raymond, K. N. In *Supramolecular Chirality*; Crego-Calama, M., Reinhoudt, D. N., Eds.; Topics in Current Chemistry 265; Springer: Berlin, Germany, 2006; pp 147-183.

Seeber, G.; Tiedemann, B. E. F.; Raymond, K. N. *Top. Curr. Chem.* **2006**, *265*, 147-183.

### Organic Syntheses and Inorganic Syntheses (p 305)

Cumulative volumes of *Organic Syntheses* are cited as books (first example); annual volumes of *Organic Syntheses* and *Inorganic Syntheses* are often cited as journals (second example).

*Organic Syntheses*; Wiley & Sons: New York, 2004; Collect. Vol. No. X, pp 437-441.

Yamamoto, T. *Inorg. Synth.* **1989**, *26*, 204-207.

## CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS AND ABSTRACTS

### Print full paper (pp 307-308)

Lindén, M.; Schunk, S.; Schüth, F. In *Mesoporous Molecular Sieves 1998*, Proceedings of the 1<sup>st</sup> International Symposium, Baltimore, MD, July 10-12, 1998; Bonneviot, L., Béland, F., Danumah, C., Giasson, S., Kaliaguine, S., Eds.; Elsevier: Amsterdam, 1998; pp 45-52 (Studies in Surface Science and Catalysis, v 117).

### Print abstracts of papers (p 308)

Pere, J. J. *Abstracts of Papers, Part 1*, 223<sup>rd</sup> National Meeting of the American Chemical Society, Orlando, FL, Apr 7-11, 2002; American Chemical Society: Washington, DC, 2002; CELL 30.

### Electronic abstracts of papers (p 323)

Costello, C. E. Development of "Biomolecule-Friendly" MS Methods. In *PITTCON 2006*, Orlando, FL, March 12-17, 2006 [CD-ROM]; Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy: Pittsburgh, PA, 2007; Session 10, Paper 1.

## DATA SETS

### Print (pp 314-315)

*TRC Spectral Data – Ultraviolet*; Texas A&M University: College Station, TX, Apr 30, 1966; No. 969 (4-Methyl-1-phenyl-3-tiapentane).

### Data from web sites (based on pp 314-315, 320-321)

National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology. *Spectral Database for Organic Compounds: SDB*; [http://riodb01.ibase.aist.go.jp/sdbs/cgi-bin/cre\\_index.cgi?lang=eng](http://riodb01.ibase.aist.go.jp/sdbs/cgi-bin/cre_index.cgi?lang=eng), No. 2185 (1,2-ethanediol) (accessed March 19, 2007).

### Commercial databases (p324)

*Reaxys*, version 1.0.5968; Elsevier Properties SA: Frankfurt, Germany, 2010; Reaxys RN 2154 (1,2-benzisoxazole).

*SciFinder Scholar*, version 2006; Chemical Abstracts Service: Columbus, OH, 2006; RN 50-78-2 (acetylsalicylic acid).

## DISSERTATIONS AND THESES

Titles of dissertations and theses are optional in print but are required in electronic format.

### Print (pp 309-310)

King, K. J. Development of a Pressurized System for Oxidation Studies of Volatile Fluids. M.S. Thesis, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, March 1983.

King, K. J. M.S. Thesis, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA, March 1983.

### Electronic (p 321)

Abrams, N. M. Efficiency Enhancement in Dye-sensitized Solar Cells through Light Manipulation. Ph.D. Dissertation [Online], The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA, December 2005. <http://etda.libraries.psu.edu/theses/approved/WorldWideIndex/ETD-1061/index.html> (accessed Apr 2, 2007).

## ENCYCLOPEDIAS

### Print (pp 305-306)

Diagnostic Reagents. *Ullmann's Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemistry*, 5<sup>th</sup> ed; VCH: Weinheim, Germany, 1985; Vol. A8, pp 455-491.

### Electronic (p 320)

Chelating Agents. *Kirk-Othmer Encyclopedia of Chemical Technology* [Online]; Wiley & Sons, Posted July 18, 2003.

<http://www.mrw.interscience.wiley.com/emrw/9780471238966/kirk/article/chelhowa.a01/current/html> (accessed Mar 19, 2007).

## JOURNAL ARTICLES AND PREPRINTS

Journal titles use *CAS* abbreviations. Commonly used *CAS* abbreviations are listed in the *ACS Style Guide*. Additional sources are in the Resource List at the end of this Quick Guide. Notes clarifying some aspect of the citation may be added at the end.

### Print articles (pp 291-296)

Although nice, article titles from print journals are not normally included in the citation.

Larabee, D. C.; Reynolds, T. Y.; Hochberg, R. B. Estradiol-16 $\alpha$ -carboxylic Acid Esters as Locally Active Estrogens. *J. Med. Chem.* **2001**, *44*, 1802-1814.

Larabee, D. C.; Reynolds, T. Y.; Hochberg, R. B. *J. Med. Chem.* **2001**, *44*, 1802-1814.

### Electronic articles (pp 318-319)

The format for citing e-articles does include the article title.

Vandenabeele, P.; Edwards, H. G. M.; Moens, L. A Decade of Raman Spectroscopy in Art and Archaeology. *Chem. Rev.* [Online] **2007**, *107*, 675-686. <http://pubs.acs.org/cgi-bin/article.cgi/chreay/2007/107/i03/html/cr068036i.html> (accessed Mar 19, 2007).

### Early access articles (pp 318-319)

Padwa, A.; Bur, S. K. The Domino Way to Heterocycles. *Tetrahedron* [Online early access]. DOI: 10.1016/j.tet.2007.03.158. Published Online: Apr 3, 2007.  
[http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?\\_ob=PublicationURL&\\_tockey=%23TOC%235289%239999%239999999%23999999%23FLA%23&\\_cdi=5289&\\_pubType=J&view=c&\\_auth=y&\\_acct=C000014439&\\_version=1&\\_urlVersion=0&\\_userid=209810&md5=5c2e57fa33f1d0d201397bdd0dd2a3c4](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=PublicationURL&_tockey=%23TOC%235289%239999%239999999%23999999%23FLA%23&_cdi=5289&_pubType=J&view=c&_auth=y&_acct=C000014439&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=209810&md5=5c2e57fa33f1d0d201397bdd0dd2a3c4) (accessed Apr 3, 2007) (accepted manuscript, has not undergone final copyediting, typesetting, or proof review).

Padwa, A.; Bur, S. K. The Domino Way to Heterocycles. *Tetrahedron* [Online early access]. DOI: 10.1016/j.tet.2007.03.158. Published Online: Apr 3, 2007.  
[http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?\\_ob=PublicationURL&\\_tockey=%23TOC%235289%239999%239999999%23999999%23FLA%23&\\_cdi=5289&\\_pubType=J&view=c&\\_auth=y&\\_acct=C000014439&\\_version=1&\\_urlVersion=0&\\_userid=209810&md5=5c2e57fa33f1d0d201397bdd0dd2a3c4](http://www.sciencedirect.com/science?_ob=PublicationURL&_tockey=%23TOC%235289%239999%239999999%23999999%23FLA%23&_cdi=5289&_pubType=J&view=c&_auth=y&_acct=C000014439&_version=1&_urlVersion=0&_userid=209810&md5=5c2e57fa33f1d0d201397bdd0dd2a3c4) (accessed Apr 3, 2007); accepted manuscript, has not undergone final copyediting, typesetting, or proof review.



Beharry, S.; Bragg, P. D. *J. Bioenerg. Biomembr.* **2001**, *33*, 35-42; *PubMed* PMID=1146092.  
<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/> (accessed July 16, 2006).

Babu, V. R.; Sarath, P. S.; Karanth, N. G.; Kumar, M. A.; Thakur, M. S. *Anal. Chim. Acta* **2007**, *582* (2), 329-334;  
*SciFinder Scholar* AN=2006:1359559 (accessed Apr 2, 2007).

## WEB SITES

Examples on pp 320-321 of the *ACS Style Guide*. Also see the "DATASETS" section of this Quick Guide.

Penn State Department of Chemistry. <http://www.chem.psu.edu/> (accessed June 7, 2010).

Mallet Chemistry Library, University of Texas Libraries. ThermoDex Home Page: An Index of Selected Thermodynamic and Physical Property Resources. <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/thermodex/> (accessed Mar 19, 2007).