CRITERIA FOR PUBLICATION IN BIOMEDICAL JOURNALS

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The touchstone for unique criteria for paper publication in biomedical journals was defined in 1978 in Vancouver. These criteria for manuscript publication, including the rules for writing bibliographies were first published in 1979. In time, the Vancouver group has grown into the International Committee of Medical Journals Editors (ICMJE). Currently, 5 revision criteria are in power for publication of papers in biomedical journals that came into being in 1997.

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2. Organization as the author
   
3. Article without the author

4. Volume with supplement

5. Number with supplement

6. Volume with several parts

7. Number with several parts

8. Journals with a number without a volume

9. Journals without a volume and a number

10. References in abstract form or previous announcements

Books and monographs

11. Monograph

12. Authors as editors

13. Organization as the author and publisher

14. Book chapter
15. Conference proceedings

16. Conference paper

17. Research or technical reports
Issued by funding/sponsoring agency:

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18. Master’s and Doctoral Theses

Unpublished material

19. In press

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20. Internet article in electronic format

21. Monograph in electronic format

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