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**Introduction:** You must clearly express the problem statement together with the justification for it. The strictly pertinent references should be mentioned, without making an extensive review of the topic. The results of the work should not be included in the introduction. At the end of the introduction, the objective of the study should always be described.

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**Conclusions:** They should be consistent with what has been developed and should only be the result of what is evidenced in the study.

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#### Journal Article

• Montes Cardona CE, García-Perdomo HA. Incidence of penile cancer worldwide: systematic review and meta-analysis. *Rev Panam Salud Publica*. 2017;41:e117. doi: 10.26633/RPSP.2017.117.

• Gomez-Opina JC, Zapata-Copete JÁ, Bejarano M, García-Perdomo HÁ. Antibiotic prophylaxis in elective laparoscopic cholecystectomy: a systematic review and network meta-analysis. *J Gastrointest Surg* 2018; 22(7):1193-1203. Doi:10.1007/s11605-018-3739-4

Note: A DOI number for the full-text article is acceptable as an alternative or in addition to traditional volume and page numbers.

#### Available Article in ahead of print

Same as published articles but replace “In press” with page numbers. Add DOI if you have it.

#### Websites or online articles

Huynen MMTE, Martens P, Hilderlink HBM. Los impactos en la salud de la globalización: un marco conceptual. *Salud global*. 2005; 1: 14. Disponible en: <http://www.globalizationand-health.com/content/1/1/14>.

#### Books

Bell J. Doing your research project. 5th. ed. Maidenhead: Open University Press; 2005

#### Book Chapter

Hansen B. Epidemias e historia de la ciudad de Nueva York para el público. En: Harden VA, Risse GB, editores. *El SIDA y el historiador*. Bethesda: Institutos Nacionales de Salud; 1991. pp. 21-28.

#### Deposited Articles (preprints, electronic prints or arXiv)

Krick T, Shub DA Verstraete N, Ferreira DU, Alonso LG, Shub M, et al. El metabolismo de los aminoácidos entra en conflicto con la diversidad de proteínas; 1991. Preprint. Available at: arXiv: 1403.3301v1. Consultado el 17 de marzo de 2014.

#### Published media (print or online newspapers and journal articles)

Fuente H. Para pingüinos ya vulnerables, según un estudio, el cambio climático es otro peligro. *Los New York Times*. 29 de enero de 2014. Available at: <http://www.nytimes.com/2014/01/30/science/earth/climate-change-taking-toll-on-penguins-study-finds.html>. Consultado el 17 de marzo de 2014.

#### New medias (blogs, websites, etc.)

Allen L. Anunciando blogs de PLOS. 1 de sep-

tiembre de 2010 [consultado el 17 de marzo de 2014]. En: Blogs de PLOS [Internet]. San Francisco: PLOS 2006 -. [Aproximadamente 2 pantallas]. Available at: <http://blogs.plos.org/plos/2010/09/announcing-plos-blogs/>.

#### Annals and other congress publications

Corrêa CF. Tratamento da dor oncológica. In:Corrêa CF, Pimenta CAM, Shibata MK, editores. *Arquivos do 7º Congresso Brasileiro e Encontro Internacional sobre Dor*; 2005 outubro 19–22; São Paulo, Brasil. São Paulo: Segmento Farma. pp. 110–20.

#### Databases and repositories (Figshare, arXiv)

Roberts SB. Pistas de funciones del navegador QPX Genome; 2013. Base de datos: figshare [Internet]. Available at: [http://figshare.com/articles/QPX\\_Genome\\_Browser\\_Feature\\_Tracks/701214](http://figshare.com/articles/QPX_Genome_Browser_Feature_Tracks/701214).

#### Multimedia (videos, películas o programas de televisión):

Hitchcock A, productor y director. *Ventana trasera* [película]; 1954. Los Ángeles: MGM.

#### Additional recommendations

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