

APA Citation Guide (7th edition): Journal Articles

Author

Today, scientific articles can have many authors due to large-scale experiments run by large teams. In some research areas, an article can even have hundreds of authors! Generally, the first author is considered the lead author, so when citing it is important not to change the order co-authors are listed in. For details on how to balance efficiency and accuracy when citing academic articles with long lists of authors, see the various examples on this page.

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Author's Last Name, First Initial. Second Initial if Given. (Year of Publication). Title of article: Subtitle if any. Name of Journal, Volume Number (Issue Number), first page number-last page number.
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Example

Hasanbegovic, H. (2022). Satisfaction with the use of hearing aids in everyday life in Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Human Research in rehabilitation*, 13(2), 227-237. <https://doi.org/10.21554/hrr.092305>

In-Text Paraphrase

(Author's Last Name, Year)

Example: (Hasanbegovic, 2016)

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Example

Knudsen, L. V., Oberg, M., Nielsen, C., Naylor, G., & Kramer, S. E. (2010). Factors influencing help seeking, hearing aid uptake, hearing aid use, and satisfaction with hearing aids: a review of the literature. *Trends in amplification*, 14(3), 127-154. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1084713810385712>

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Example

Hasanbegovic, H. (2022). Satisfaction with the use of hearing aids in everyday life in Bosnia and Herzegovina. *Human Research in rehabilitation*, 13(2), 227-237.

In-Text Paraphrase

(Author's Last Name, Year)

Example: (Hasanbegovic, 2022)

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Example: (Hasanbegovic, 2022, p. 114)

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Example Reference List entries:

Hasanbegovic, H. (2022a). Title of first article. Human Research in rehabilitation, 13(2), 227-237.

Hasanbegovic, H. (2022b). Title of second article. Another Journal, 15(3), 40-55.

Journal Article from a Website - One Author

Author's Last Name, First Initial. Second Initial if Given. (Year of Publication). Title of article: Subtitle if any. Name of Journal, Volume Number (Issue Number if given). URL

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(Hasanbegovic, 2018)

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(Author's Last Name, Year, p. Page number)

Example: (Hasanbegovic, 2018, p. 243)

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References List

List the first nineteen authors followed by three spaced ellipse points (. . .), and then the last author's name.

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(First author's last name et al., Year)

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Second and Subsequent Times Paraphrased (Hasanbegovic & Mahmutovic, 2022, p. 52)

Number of authors three or more

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