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How to Submit

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Article contents

When you submit your article, please provide an *anonymized* copy. Author names and bios, your contact information, abstract, and article keywords will all be entered in through the ScholarOne system and **should not** be included in the article file.

Please ensure **line numbers are turned on** in your Word doc prior to submission, as this will help peer reviewers provide more precise feedback.

Plagiarism Policy

If you are using words from another work, those words must be either in quote marks or set off in text (for example, with a substantive indent) to show that it is a direct quote. A citation without quote marks creates the impression that the words and ideas are your own and unique to the paper at hand. (If you are quoting your own work, you are welcome to self-cite.) Paraphrasing and synonymizing will also be flagged as plagiarism.

Plagiarism is grounds for rejection. If you're not sure, put it in quotes. For further information on plagiarism, please see the Wikipedia entry on forms of academic plagiarism.

AI Policy

Many authors use AI as part of their research. AI usage must be declared, and it is the responsibility of the author to check the work of the AI. The author of the article is accountable for any errors created by the AI, including citations to sources that do not exist because they were fabricated by the AI as part of citation formatting. Any observed fabrications in the text or references (whether by author or the AI) may lead to rejection with no opportunity for revision.

JLME Style and Usage

Subheads

Subheads should go from major to minor heading in the following order:

Bold
Italics
SMALL CAPS
Regular Font

This style guide provides a demonstration of our subhead format in use.

Numbering

Generally, spell out all numbers 1-9, except for years, percents, or when used to describe any number over million (e.g., Sue was 15 years old. The results showed that 45 percent of the respondents preferred chocolate ice cream. The number of car accidents last year was determined to be 3 million.).

When numbers over and under 100 are in the same paragraph or sentence, choose the predominant style and stick with it (e.g., There were 5 red books, 121 blue books, and 1,256 green books in the library.)

For all numbers and all usages, spell out number when starting a sentence (e.g., Forty percent of the respondents hate apples. One hundred and sixty-two people were convicted of HIV-related offenses last year.).

NUMBERING IN TEXT

In instances where you have a numbered list within a paragraph, please put parentheses around each number in the list as follows:
The study was overseen by four people: (1) Helly Riggs; (2) Mark Scout; (3) Irving Bailiff; and (4) Dylan George.

NUMBERING AS BULLETS

Departments at the Eagan Wellness Center with participating employees included:
1. Macrodata Refinement
2. Disposal and Reclamation
3. Optics and Design
4. Distribution Supply
5. Security Office

Acronyms

With some exceptions, always spell out acronym on first reference (e.g., The American Society of Laboratory Engineers (ASLE) may have acted prematurely. Indeed, some critics predict that ASLE will not survive the congressional investigation.).

If an acronym is overused in the article, use both acronym and other variants of the original word to avoid repetition, taking care to avoid confusion (e.g., EEOC, the commission).

Acronyms are not permitted for ideas (e.g., physician-assisted suicide) or sayings. They are only used for cumbersomely long laws (ERISA), organizations (NAACP), or well-known boards or committees (IRBs). The acronym should be used at least twice to justify creating it within a manuscript, although sometimes an acronym may be parenthetically noted in this instance if the acronym is better known than the original phrase (IRBs).

Some acronyms are so commonly used that they are permitted without expanded text. These exceptions are:

- HIV
- AIDS
- DNA
- RNA
- mRNA
- US
- UK
- EU
- COVID-19

References to Tables, Figures and Appendices

References to tables, figures and appendices should always be in bold (e.g. **Table 1** shows the side effect profile of common trichophyton treatments.) If the reference is not directly incorporated into the sentence, it should be in parentheses within the punctuation (e.g. Other treatments included intravenous immunoglobulin (52.0%), plasma exchange (36.0%), pyridostigmine (20.0%), and monoclonal antibodies (rituximab and infliximab) (**Table 3**).)

Other Standard Conventions

1. Use an “em” dash (not hyphens) with a space on either side between words indicating a pause, e.g., “She believed — at least for the moment — that he was correct.”

2. Use an “en” dash (not hyphens) with no additional spaces between numbers indicating the beginning and end of a specific section or range, e.g., See McGraw, “Hospitals,” at 135–37. Each session lasted 2–4 hours.

3. Use “smart” or curved quotation marks and apostrophes, i.e., “ ” and ‘ ’.

4. Use “…” with a space on either side to indicate missing words within a quotation, e.g., “He rose … and objected strongly.” Add a period after the ellipsis if the sentence ends before the subsequently quoted material begins. In this instance, close-up the gap between the last word and the beginning of the ellipsis (e.g., Public health authorities “should not provide any additional assistance or become inter-meshed or associated with

the criminal investigation…. Public health authorities must avoid at all costs an image in the community as actively assisting in the criminal investigation of persons.")

5. The Journal's style should not be imposed within quotations (e.g., The court held that "healthcare practitioners cannot violate their patients' confidentiality to abide by public health statutory requirements." If used outside the quotation, the Journal would require "health care practitioners.") However, we do capitalize all nonprepositional words (and prepositional words greater than four letters) in an article's title regardless of the style used by the original publication (e.g., J.W. Smith, "The Court to Rule on Gun Control Law Today," *New York Times*, Oct. 5, 2001, at A21.)

6. Use a single space between sentences (rather than a double space).

7. Do not underline text.

JLME Endnotes

Generally

The Journal uses **endnotes**, not footnotes. It uses the *Chicago Manual of Style 18th edition*'s notes format for its endnotes. When writing legal citations such as cases, constitutions, and other legislative materials, use formatting from *The Bluebook* as per *Chicago* guidance.

Please ensure your article has numbers in the text that correspond to numbered footnotes or endnotes before submitting. We recommend that you review a PDF of one of our open access articles in order to familiarize yourself with the format before submitting.

Use of AI to Format Endnotes

When AI is used to format endnotes, it often injects errors and false or "hallucinated" citations into the endnotes. An article that is submitted with false citations may be rejected with no opportunity for revision, regardless of whether the false citation was created by an AI, a research assistant, or the author. It is the author's responsibility to ensure all citations are accurate.

Citation Example: Journal

14. Aaron S. Kesselheim, "Government Support of Meaningful Drug and Device Innovation: Pathways and Challenges," *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 51, no. 4 (2023): 7–15, at 9,

https://doi.org/10.1017/jme.2024.21.

If your citation doesn't match this format (for example, if the author's first name comes last or if the journal name is abbreviated), then it is not Chicago Notes format. We have provided examples below beginning on page 6 for citations for many different kinds of works, from journals to court cases to podcasts and more. If you have access to the *Chicago Manual of Style* and/or *The Bluebook* (for court and legislative documents only), we recommend using them for guidance, as they cover nearly every situation imaginable.

Finally, do not let the endnote style prevent you from submitting. If your paper is of sufficient quality to be accepted by *JLME*, you will have the opportunity to format your citations properly at the revision stage.

Citation Management Application Recommendations

Important: If you are using a citation management application, it may generate the notes as **footnotes**. This is acceptable; we can convert them to endnotes in copyediting. **Do not turn the bibliography into endnotes; the Notes and Bibliography use different formats.**

ZOTERO

If you're using **Zotero**, the Chicago Manual of Style 18th edition (full note) is available. **Please ensure Zotero has produced numbers in your article text that correspond to numbered footnotes or endnotes before submitting**, as it is easy to accidentally produce an unnumbered bibliography or author-date citations instead.

ENDNOTE

If you are using **EndNote**, choose Chicago 18th Footnote for your citation format. **Please ensure EndNote has produced numbers in your article text that correspond to numbered footnotes or endnotes before submitting.** EndNote will sometimes produce a bibliography rather than numbered notes if your settings are not correct, and the bibliography format is different to the Notes format.

Legal Citations

As recommended by the *Chicago Manual of Style*, the *Bluebook* style guide is used for all citation of legal material. This style guide includes basic examples of *Bluebook* formatting, but for situations not addressed in this style guide we would recommend referring to *Bluebook*.

Only One Citation in Each Location

There should be only one note at each place in the text.

WRONG: Multiple studies have indicated that this rationale is in fact incorrect.[4, 5, 6, 8]
RIGHT: Multiple studies have indicated that this rationale is in fact incorrect.[4]

The text of multiple citations within a single note should be linked together with semicolons. See *Chicago Manual of Style* 13.31 for more details and see the example below.

Example:

12. Seth Berkley, "Unprepared for the Big One," *Politico*, September 23, 2022, https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2022/09/23/global-vaccine-outreach-after-covid-00058616; Open Consultants, *External Evaluation of the Access To COVID-19 Tools Accelerator (ACT-A) Accelerator (ACT-A)* (World Health Organization, October 10, 2022), https://www.who.int/publications/m/item/external-evaluation-of-the-access-to-covid-19-tools-accelerator-(act-a); Laurence R. Helfer, "Regime Shifting: The TRIPS Agreement and New Dynamics of International Intellectual Property Lawmaking," *Yale Journal of International Law*, no. 29 (2004): 1–83.

Consecutive Numbering and Shortened Citations

Endnotes should be numbered consecutively. References to earlier notes should be a shortened form of the original citation, using the last names of the authors and a shortened form of the title, for example:

24. Helfer, "Regime Shifting," at 77.

As of the December 2025 issue, *JLME* has discontinued the use of supras.

Page Numbers, URLs, and DOI Numbers

The general rule of thumb is: If you are citing a particular passage in a source, give the specific page number that it is found on. If you are referencing the entire article, give the first and last pages.

However, because so many sources are online, page numbers may not be available or, in the case of ebooks, reliable. Here is our guidance for such sources.

- If you are citing an article found online that does not have a PDF with page numbers (for example, a news or magazine article), use the electronic identification number, if one is provided, and the URL.
- If you are citing from a book for which you only have the electronic edition, cite the chapter number and/or section heading versus the page number.
- In the case of journal articles that have an electronic identifier number, if you are citing a particular passage in the source, give the page number(s) the citation is found on first, and then the electronic identification number of the article (for example, e026909) after the page number.

Endnote Format Examples

The below provides examples of the *JLME* endnote format. The *Chicago Manual of Style* offers many more examples, including citation types not covered here, as well as a breakdown of the theory behind them.

Articles in journals

Journal articles often have many authors. If there are more than three authors, please list the name of the first author, followed by "et al." In accordance with Chicago Manual of Style, please place the DOI link (not just the DOI number) at the end of the footnote.

1. Aaron S. Kesselheim, "Government Support of Meaningful Drug and Device Innovation: Pathways and Challenges," *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* 51, no. 4 (2023): 7–15, at 9, https://doi.org/10.1017/jme.2024.21.

2. Ellen 't Hoen et al., "Driving a Decade of Change: HIV/AIDS, Patents and Access to Medicines for All," *Journal of the International AIDS Society* 14, no. 1 (2011): 1–12, https://doi.org/10.1186/1758-2652-14-15.

Use the full title as used by the journal, omitting the word "the." Examples:

- *The New England Journal of Medicine* should be cited as *New England Journal of Medicine*. Do not use "NEJM" or "N Engl J Med."
- *JAMA* should be cited as *JAMA*. Do not use "Journal of the American Medical Association," as the official title is *JAMA*.

Journals must also include the specific issue number when one is available. For example:

3. James McGraw, "Hospitals," *Hastings Center Report* 55, no. 3 (2016): 2–11, https://doi.org/10.1086/hcr.2016.88.

Articles or chapters in edited collections

If there is a DOI number, please place the DOI link at the end of the endnote, as above.

4. James McGraw, "Hospitals," in *Hospitals and Mergers,* ed. Eleanor Guthrie and Miranda Hamilton Barlow, (Publishers Press, 2015): at 3–8.

Books

Please note that a place of publication is not required for books published since 1900. If

there is a DOI number, please place the DOI link at the end of the endnote, as above.

5. Eleanor Guthrie and Miranda Hamilton Barlow, eds., *Hospitals and Mergers* (Publishers Press, 2015): 10.

Reports

Whenever possible, append the URL where the report can be read. The citation format is similar to books.

23. A.R. Crimmins et al, eds., *Fifth National Climate Assessment* (US Global Change Research Program, 2023), https://nca2023.globalchange.gov/.

88. *Health For All: Transforming Economies to Deliver What Matters* (World Health Organization Council on the Economics of Health for All, May 23, 2023), ISBN 978-92-4-008097-3, https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240080973.

News, magazines and blogs

For periodical articles, whether those periodicals are online or in print, use the periodical format. This includes publications that are online-only. Per *Chicago*, online-only publication names should not be italicized.

Page numbers here are not essential. This is because different editions may have the same story on different pages, and because the page numbers are usually not consecutive.

For newspapers: always spell out paper name, drop any initial "the" (*New York Times*, not *The New York Times*), and for any papers that don't include a geographical reference — unless extremely well-known, such as the *Wall Street Journal* — put the city of publication in normal type in parenthesis after the italicized title (*Times* (London)).

4. Tessa Melvin, "Hospitals Unveil New Effort," *New York Times,* October 26, 1986, https://www.nytimes.com/1986/10/26/nyregion/hospitals-unveil-new-effort.html (last visited September 1, 2024).

5. Gillian Thomas and Vania Leveille, "The Historic New Law Protecting Fairness for Pregnant Workers," American Civil Liberties Union, June 27, 2023, https://www.aclu.org/news/womens-rights/the-historic-new-law-protecting-fairness-for-pregnant-workers (last visited February 18, 2024).

62. Jeff Brady, "How Gas Utilities Used Tobacco Tactics to Avoid Gas Stove Regulations," National Public Radio (United States), October 17, 2023, https://www.npr.org/2023/10/17/1183551603/gas-stove-utility-tobacco (last visited February 22, 2024).

Press release

Use a modified version of the News, magazines and blogs format.

66. Moderna, "Moderna Receives U.S. FDA Approval for Updated COVID-19 Vaccine," press release, September 11, 2023, https://news.modernatx.com/news/news-details/2023/Moderna-Receives-U.S.-FDA-Approval-for-Updated-COVID-19-Vaccine/default.aspx.

Interviews, published and unpublished

If there is a transcript or recording of the interview available on the Internet, append a link at the end of the citation. Generally, the name of the interviewee comes first.

PUBLISHED INTERVIEW EXAMPLE

23. Dr. Siouxie Wiles, "Siouxsie Wiles on Covid-19, conspiracies and a life in science, at the 2021 NZ International Science Festival," interview by Jesse Bering, *Smart Talk*, Radio New Zealand, September 19, 2021, audio, 51:18, https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/smart_talk/audio/2018812420/siouxsie-wiles-on-covid-19-conspiracies-and-a-life-in-science-at-the-2021-nz-international-science-festival.

UNPUBLISHED INTERVIEW EXAMPLE

25. Roger Butler (Bureau of Indian Affairs Wewoka Agency Office), telephone interview by the author, March 20, 2023. Transcript available on request.

Letters

If the letter is available on the Internet, append a link at the end of the citation.

31. See Letter from Wyeth-Ayerst Laboratories to Health Care Professionals (February 1998) (on file with authors).

Podcast

38. Doug Gordon, Aaron Naparstek and Sarah Goodyear, hosts, *War on Cars*, podcast, episode 131, "Vehicular Cycling and John Forester, Part 1," July 9, 2024, https://thewaroncars.org/2024/07/09/131-vehicular-cycling-and-john-forester-part-1/.

81. Tonya Mosley, host, *Truth be Told,* podcast, season 5 episode 1, "How to Get Free," American Public Media, April 13, 2023, https://pod.link/1462216572/episode/d5a0b45695d7d93f5038dc9ea17e7c9a.

Online video

42. Gene Matthews, Dawn Hunter, and Elizabeth Thomas, "Communicating About COVID-19 Response Measures in a Volatile Environment," American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics, YouTube, October 22, 2020, 1 hour 4 minutes 44 seconds, https://youtu.be/kzmfidxFCYc?si=xDZ9dFMiQOenEt7B.

Dissertation

11. Rebecca Belle Bateman, "'We're Still Here': History, Kinship, and Group Identity Among the Seminole Freedmen of Oklahoma," (Ph.D. dissertation, Johns Hopkins University, 1990), at 270.

Presentation or paper presented at conference

If it is included in the published proceedings of a meeting, see "Articles or chapters in edited collections" for format. If it is published in a journal, treat it as a journal article.

10. George J. Annas, "Genism, Racism, and the Prospect of Genetic Genocide," paper presented at [**or** presentation at] The New Aspects of Racism in the Age of Globalization and the Gene Revolution, UNESCO 21st Century Talks, World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance, Durban, South Africa, September 3, 2001, http://www.bumc.bu.edu/www/sph/lw/pvl/genism.htm (quoting Craig Venter).

11. Jose Saramago, "From Justice to Democracy by Way of the Bells," closing speech, World Social Forum, Porte Alegre, Brazil, February 5, 2002, trans. Robert Finnegan and Charles Johnson.

Abstract from paper presented at conference published in conference proceedings

If it is included in the published proceedings of a meeting, see "Articles or chapters in edited collections" for format. If it is published in a journal, treat it as a journal article.

12. Zita Lazzarini et al., "State Efforts to Reduce Perinatal HIV Transmission," Abstract No. 44105, Proceedings of the XII International Conference on AIDS,

Geneva, Switzerland, June 29, 1998.

Research protocols

13. Lizzy M. Brewster, Jos Kleijnen, and Gert Van Montfrans, "Pharmacotherapy for Hypertension in People of Sub-Saharan Africa or of Sub-Saharan African Descent." Protocol of the Cochrane Hypertension Group, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Issue 3, 2001 (citing earlier studies).

Noting translations

29. Bert Gordijn, "Euthanasie: strafbar und doch zugestanden? Die niederlandische Duldungspolitik in Sachen Euthanasie" (Euthanasia: Criminal offense and still allowed? The Dutch policy of permissiveness/tolerance in cases of euthanasia), *Ethik in der Medizin*, 10 (1998): at 12.

Military documents

The US Naval War College Library has robust examples online of Chicago format for many specific types of military documents. Please note that, as of this writing, these examples use an earlier version of Chicago and include the city of publication, which is not used in Chicago 18.

Treatises and other intergovernmental materials

Follow Bluebook. If you are citing a report from an intergovernmental organization such as the WHO, use the "Report" citation format above.

18. G.A. Res. 47/135, annex, Declaration on the Rights of Persons Belonging to National or Ethnic, Religious and Linguistic Minorities (Dec. 18, 1992).

39. Directive 2001/18, of the European Parliament and of the Council of 12 March 2001 on the Deliberate Release into the Environment of Genetically Modified Organisms and Repealing Council Directive 20/220/EEC, 2001 O.J. (L 106) 1, 3.

83. World Health Organization, *International Health Regulations (2005)*, A77/A/CONF./14 (June 1, 2024), art. 12.8.

Cases

Follow Bluebook generally.

6. *Jackson v. Metropolitan*, 348 F. Supp. 954, 956–58 (M.D. Pa. 1972), *aff'd*, F.2d 754 (3d Cir. 1973).

18. Alla Rakha v. Mohamed Ahmed (1956) 29 L.R.K. 6 (Kenya).

Statutes and regulations

Follow Bluebook generally.

7. 7 C.F.R. § 319.76 (1990).

Congressional committee hearing

Congressional hearings should follow Chicago Manual of Style.

10. Health Subcommittee Hearing on Examining Policies that Inhibit Innovation and Patient Access: Hearing Before the United States House Committee on Ways and Means, 118th Cong., at 9 (May 10, 2023) (statement by Dr. Aaron S. Kesselheim, Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School), https://gop-waysandmeans.house.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/05.10.23-Official-Transcript.pdf.

Internet: generally

Many items that exist on the Internet will use a format other than the Internet format, which is why we have left this format for last.

For example, news articles, magazine articles, blogs, and so forth are cited using the News or Magazine Article format above. This includes the "News" section of academic websites or company websites. If it has a date, it probably uses that format.

Journal articles, reports, interviews, and videos all have citation formats above. For example, most PDF documents found on the Internet are better suited to the "Reports" format than the "Internet" format.

The Internet format is only used for items that do not fit those categories, such as the "About" section of a corporate website or a professor's profile on a university website.

The webpage being cited should be the page where the source begins, not where the source is merely described or available for purchase. If the source is a PDF, the URL should be the page where it is available for download, because direct links to PDFs change more often than the download page and generally do not have built-in redirects.

Authors are required to independently verify all Internet citations as a final step to submitting their manuscript. Inadvertent errors can only be caught by trying to access the website addresses *as they are written in the endnotes* from an Internet browser. Every citation must have "last visited" at the end, with the date that the article was last visited.

A. INTERNET-ONLY MATERIAL:

81. Burt Goodman, "Ethical Standards," Cambridge University Press, https://www.cambridge.org/core/about/ethical-standards (last visited September 1, 2024).

22. "Publications: JLME," American Society of Law, Medicine and Ethics, https://aslme.org/publications/jlme/ (last visited June 22, 2024).

B. INTERNET-ONLY MATERIAL ACCESSED THROUGH THE INTERNET ARCHIVE:

Because items in the Internet Archive are the image of a page at a moment in time, there is no need for a "last visited," but the date of archiving is necessary.

5. Mark Scout, "About BU," Boston University, archived November 2, 2012, https://web.archive.org/web/20121102222403/http://www.bu.edu/info/about/.

C. INTERNET-ONLY MATERIAL THAT IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE:

90% of material is preserved by the Internet Archive. Please search at https://web.archive.org for an archival link. Consider the below an option of last resort.

5. Asai Reghabi, "Brainwave Management Through Direct Computer Control," *Digital Neurology* (last visited July 6, 2021) (link no longer available, article on file with author).

6. Harmony Cobel, "Mediation of Memory with Neuromicrochips," formerly at http://www.lumonindustries.com/memorymediation.html (last visited May 17, 2011). The website is no longer operating.