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These examples are intended to provide an overview of the citation style applied in this journal. The examples are given in Table 1.

Table 1. Examples of in-text citations and citing reference sources.

Category	Subcategory	In-text citation		Reference listing
		Parentetical citation	Narrative citation	
Journal article	<i>With a DOI</i>	(Pretty & Ward, 2001)	Pretty and Ward (2001)	Pretty, J., & Ward, H. (2001). Social Capital and the Environment. <i>World Development</i> , 29(2), 209–227. https://doi.org/10.1016/s0305-750x(00)00098-x
	<i>Without a DOI and with a nondatabase URL</i>	(Shen et al., 2012)	Shen et al. (2012)	Shen, G., Huhman, D., Lei, Z., & Snyder, J. (2012). Characterization of an isoflavonoid-specific prenyltransferase from <i>Lupinus albus</i> . <i>Plant Physiology</i> , 159(1), 70-80. http://www.plantphysiol.org/content/159/1/70.full.pdf+html
	<i>Without a DOI, from print version</i>	(Todorović et al., 2012)	Todorović et al. (2012)	*for publications that have 20 or less authors, all the authors should be stated in reference, as illustrated in the example below: Todorović, V., Gavrić Rožić, A., Marković, S., Đurovka, M., & Vasić, M. (2012). Influence of temperature on yield and earliness of lettuce grown in the winter period. <i>Agroзнanje</i> , 13(3), 475-481.
	<i>With a DOI and 21 or more authors</i>	(Kalnay et al., 1996)	Kalnay et al. (1996)	*for publications that have 21 or more authors, first 19 authors should be stated, followed by “...” and the last author, as illustrated in the example below: Kalnay, E., Kanamitsu, M., Kistler, R., Collins, W., Deaven, D., Gandin, I., Iredell, M., Saha, S., White, G., Woollen, J., Zhu, Y., Chelliah, M., Ebisuzaki, W., Higgins, W., Janowiak, J., Mo, K. C., Ropelewski, C., Wang, J., Leetmaa, A., ... Joseph, D. (1996). The NCEP/NCAR 40-year reanalysis project. <i>Bulletin of the American Meteorological Society</i> , 77(3), 437-471. <a href="https://doi.org/10.1175/1520-0477(1996)077<0437:TNYRP>2.0.CO;2">https://doi.org/10.1175/1520-0477(1996)077<0437:TNYRP>2.0.CO;2

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		Parentetical citation	Narrative citation	
Journal article	<i>With an article number or e-locator</i>	(Steiner et al., 2023)	Steiner et al. (2023)	Steiner, M., Pingel, M., Falquet, L., Giffard, B., Griesser, M., Leyer, I., Preda, C., Uzman, D., Bacher, S., & Reineke, A. (2023). Local conditions matter: Minimal and variable effects of soil disturbance on microbial communities and functions in European vineyards. <i>PLOS ONE</i> , 18(1), Article e0280516. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0280516
	<i>Advanced online publication</i>	(Hayashi et al., 2023)	Hayashi et al. (2023)	Hayashi, M., Mähönen, A. P., Sakakibara, H., Torii, K. U., & Umeda, M. (2023). Plant Stem Cells: the source of plant vitality and persistent growth. <i>Plant and Cell Physiology</i> . Advance online publication. https://doi.org/10.1093/pcp/pcad009
	<i>In press</i>	(Vasiljević et al., in press)	Vasiljević et al. (in press)	Vasiljević, S., Nikolić, Z., Katanski, S., Mamlić, Z., Đukić, V., Uhlarik, A., Dolapčev Rakić, A., & Balać, M. (in press). The effect of cutting management on seed yield, seed yield components, and seed quality of red clover (<i>Trifolium pratense</i> L.). <i>Agroznanje</i> .
	<i>Published in another language</i>	(Vreva et al., 2012)	Vreva et al. (2012)	Vreva, M., Zečević, V., Balijagić, J., & Jovančević, M. (2012). Uticaj lokaliteta i sorte na prinos zrna ekološki uzgajane heljde (<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i>) [The influence of locality and variety on the yield of organically grown buckwheat (<i>Fagopyrum esculentum</i>)]. <i>Agroznanje</i> , 13(2), 317-324. https://doi.org/10.7251/agrsr1202317v
Authored books	<i>With a DOI</i>	(Toldrá & Reig, 2012)	Toldrá and Reig (2012)	Toldrá, F., & Reig, M. (2012). <i>Analytical Tools for Assessing the Chemical Safety of Meat and Poultry</i> . Springer US. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-1-4614-4277-6_1

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		Parenthetical citation	Narrative citation	
Authored books	<i>Without a DOI from a print version</i>	(Teiz & Zeiger, 2006)	Teiz and Zeiger (2006)	Taiz, L., & Zeiger, E. (2006). <i>Plant physiology</i> (4 th ed.) (pp. 246-287). Sinauer Associates.
	<i>Without a DOI, with a nondatabase URL</i>	(Gladwell, 2008)	Gladwell (2008)	Gladwell, M. (2008). <i>Outliers: The story of success</i> . Back Bay Books. https://www.amazon.com/Outliers-Story-Success-Malcolm-Gladwell/dp/0316017930
	<i>With editor or institution credited on the book cover</i>	(Royal Horticultural Society, 2004) – first citation (RHS, 2004) – following citation	Royal Horticultural Society (2004) – first citation RHS (2004) – following citation	Royal Horticultural Society. (2004). <i>Encyclopedia of gardening</i> . Dorling Kindersley.
Edited books	<i>With a DOI, with multiple publishers</i>	(Baker & Pilbeam, 2015)	Baker and Pilbeam (2015)	Barker, A. V., & Pilbeam, D. J. (Eds.). (2015). <i>Handbook of Plant Nutrition</i> . CRC Press; Springer. https://doi.org/10.1201/b18458
	<i>Without a DOI, from print version</i>	(Brickell, 2004)	Brickell (2004)	Brickell, C. (Ed.). (2004). <i>Encyclopedia of gardening</i> . Dorling Kindersley.
	<i>Without a DOI, with a nondatabase URL</i>	(Chrenek, 2017)	Chrenek (2017)	Chrenek, P. (Ed.) (2017). <i>Ultrastructure of rabbit gametes and stem cells</i> . Slovak University of agriculture in Nitra; Research institute for animal production Nitra; University of Novi Sad, Faculty of agriculture. http://polj.uns.ac.rs/sr/node/823
Authored and edited books	<i>Book in another language</i>	(Janjić & Mitrić, 2018)	Janjić and Mitrić (2018)	Janić, V., & Mitrić, S. (2018). <i>Rezistentnost korovskih biljaka na herbicide</i> [Resistance of weed plants to herbicides]. Akademija nauka i umjetnosti Republike Srpske; Herbološko društvo Srbije.
	<i>One volume of a multivolume work</i>	(Lichtfouse, 2015)	Lichtfouse (2015)	Lichtfouse, E. (Ed.). (2015). <i>Sustainable Agriculture Reviews</i> (1st ed., Vol. 17). Springer Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-16742-8

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Category	Subcategory	In-text citation		Reference listing
		Parentetical citation	Narrative citation	
Chapter in an edited book	<i>With a DOI</i>	(Silber, 2008)	Silber (2008)	Silber, A. (2008). Chemical characteristics of soilless media. In M. Raviv., & J. H. Lieth (Eds.), <i>Soilless culture: theory and practice</i> (pp. 209-244). Elsevier. https://doi.org/10.1016/C2015-0-01470-8
	<i>Without a DOI, from print version</i>	(George & Debergh, 2007)	George and Debergh (2007)	George, E. F., & Debergh, P. C. (2007). Micropropagation: Uses and methods. In E. F. George, M. A. Hall, & G.-J. D. Klerk (Eds.), <i>Plant Propagation by Tissue Culture</i> (3rd ed., pp. 29-64). Springer Netherlands.
	<i>In another language</i>	(Božić et al., 1997)	Božić et al. (1997)	Božić, D., Kovačević, D., & Momirović, N. (1997). Sistemi zemljoradnje i njihov značaj u kontroli korova [Farming systems and their importance in weed control]. In M. Kojić, & V. Janjić (Eds.), <i>Savremeni problemi herbologije</i> (pp. 153-174). Herbološko društvo Srbije.
Reports and gray literature	<i>Report by a government agency or other organization</i>	(Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations [FAO], 2022) –first citation (FAO, 2022) – following citation	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) (2022) –first citation FAO (2022) – following citation	Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. (2022). <i>The state of food and agriculture: Leveraging automation in agriculture for transforming agrifood systems</i> . https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cb9479en *if multiple agencies authored a report together, use “&” to join the names of two agencies or use commas to separate the names of three or more agencies
	<i>Report by individual authors at a government agency or other organization</i>	(Fried & Polakova, 2018)	Fried & Polakova (2018)	Fried, D., & Polyakova, A. (2018). <i>Democratic defense against disinformation</i> . Atlantic Council. https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/images/publications/Democratic_Defense_Against_Disinformation_FINAL.pdf

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		Parentetical citation	Narrative citation	
Reports and gray literature	<i>Report by individual authors at a government agency, published as part of a series</i>	(Blackwell et al., 2014)	Blackwell et al. (2014)	Blackwell, D. L., Lucas, J. W., & Clarke, T. C. (2014). <i>Summary health statistics for U.S. adults: National Health Interview Survey, 2012</i> (Vital and Health Statistics Series 10, Issue 260). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_10/sr10_260.pdf
	<i>Report by a working or other type of group</i>	(Plants for the Future, Working group on Sustainable Agriculture, 2021)	Plants for the Future, Working group on Sustainable Agriculture (2021)	Plants for the Future, Working group on Sustainable Agriculture (2021). <i>Plants for the future's perspective on sustainable agriculture</i> . Plants for the Future – European Technology Platform. https://www.plantetp.eu/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/plantetp-perspective-on-sustainable-agriculture-wg-report-dec-2021.pdf
	<i>Annual report</i>	(Republic Hydrometeorological Institute [RHI], 2022) –first citation (RHI, 2022) – following citation	Republic Hydrometeorological Institute (RHI) (2022) –first citation RHI (2022) – following citation	Republic Hydrometeorological Institute. (2022). <i>Izveštaj o kvalitetu vazduha za Republiku Srpsku, 2021</i> [Report on air quality for the Republic of Srpska, 2021]. https://rhmrzr.com/report/godisnji-izvjestaj-o-kvalitetu-vazduha-u-republici-srpskoj-za-2021-godinu/
Conference sessions and presentations	<i>Paper presentation</i>	(Novaković et al., 2019)	Novaković et al. (2019)	Novaković, T., Mutavdžić, B., Milić, D., & Tekić, D. (2019, May 16-18). <i>The analysis of subsidy structure according to type and economic size of agricultural holding in Serbia</i> [Paper presentation]. 8 th International Symposium on Agricultural Sciences, AgroReS 2019, Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina. https://agrores.net/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Book-of-Abstracts-AgroReS-2019.pdf

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Conference sessions and presentations	<i>Poster presentation</i>	(Mikavica & Savić, 2021)	Mikavica and Savić (2021)	Mikavica, D., & Savić, N. (2021, May 27-29). <i>Necessity of establishing reproductive centers for fish in Bosnia and Herzegovina</i> [Poster presentation]. X International Symposium on Agricultural Sciences, AgroReS 2021, Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina. https://agrores.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/AgroReS_2021_Book_of_Abstracts-3.pdf
	<i>Paper published in conference proceedings, book form</i>	(Bobić et al., 2022)	Bobić et al. (2022)	Bobić, T., Baban, B., Mijić, P., Gregić, M., & Gantner, V. (2022). Free trafic in robotic milking of cows through etiological and welfare approach. In B. Nježić (Ed.), <i>XI International Symposium on Agricultural Sciences, AgroReS 2022, Proceedings</i> (pp. 336-344). University of Banja Luka, Faculty of Agriculture.
Dissertations and theses	<i>Published in paper form</i>	(Caprette, 2005)	Caprette (2005)	Caprette, C. L. (2005). <i>Conquering the cold shudder: The origin and evolution of snake eyes</i> [Doctoral dissertation]. Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.
	<i>Published online</i>	(Yesudasan, 2013)	Yesudasan (2013)	Yesudasan, J. (2013). <i>Effects of rye-grass and red clover on morphology and biomass allocation in couch grass</i> [Master's thesis]. Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. https://stud.epsilon.slu.se/5723/

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		Parenthetical citation	Narrative citation	
Websites and webpages	Internet presentation (website)	(http://www.seaturtles.org)	(http://www.seaturtles.org)	<i>If you do not cite a specific part of an internet presentation, but the internet presentation itself, this source needn't be included in the reference list, but it must be clearly emphasized in the text e.g.:</i> The Sea Turtle Restoration Project homepage presents a wealth of compelling, well-researched information on the struggle to save the world's sea turtles from extinction (http://www.seaturtles.org).
Websites and webpages	Specific pages within the internet presentation (webpages)	(Sea Turtle Restoration Project, 2006)	As stated by the Sea Turtle Restoration Project (2006)...	Sea Turtle Restoration Project. (2006). <i>Threats to sea turtles</i> . http://seaturtles.org/section.php?id=104
Legal documents	National laws and bylaws	(Law on agriculture, 2006)	In Law on agriculture (2006) it is stated...	Law on agriculture. (2006). <i>Official gazette of the Republic of Srpska</i> , 7/06, 20/07, 86/07, & 71/09. https://rzsm.org/tehprop/155-mpsv
	EU legislation	(Regulation 2016/2031, Article 7)	In Article 7 of the EU regulation on protective measures against pests of plants it is stated...	Regulation 2016/2031. <i>On protective measures against pests of plants</i> . European Parliament and Council. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/2031/oj