DA NANG JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND PHARMACY (DJMP)

CITATION AND REFERENCE GUIDELINES
DJMP Reference Style 2026 – Vancouver/NLM-based

1. GENERAL PRINCIPLES

The Da Nang Journal of Medicine and Pharmacy (DJMP) uses a numbered citation system based on Vancouver style, standardized with reference to NLM conventions and adapted to the journal's own editorial requirements (DJMP Reference Style).

References must be directly relevant to the manuscript. Authors should prioritize original sources, peer-reviewed scientific literature, and sources that can be reliably retrieved. Authors are responsible for the accuracy, completeness, and retrievability of all cited references.

- Citations in the text must use Arabic numerals in superscript: [1], [2], [3]...
- Do not place citation numbers in square brackets or parentheses.
- The reference list must be numbered in the order in which sources first appear in the manuscript.
- Article titles are presented in regular type (not italicized).
- Journal titles are written in full and are not abbreviated.
- A DOI must be provided when available.
- The original language of the cited source must be retained.

2. IN-TEXT CITATIONS

2.1. Numbering

References are numbered according to their first appearance in the manuscript, beginning with 1. When a source is cited again later in the manuscript, the number assigned at its first occurrence must be reused; a new number must not be assigned.

Hypertension is one of the leading risk factors for cardiovascular disease.[1]

2.2. Single reference

Obesity is an important risk factor for type 2 diabetes mellitus.[1]

2.3. Multiple non-consecutive references

Citation numbers are separated by commas.

Several studies have reported this association.[1,3,5]

2.4. Multiple consecutive references

When three or more consecutive references are cited, use a hyphen to indicate the range.

Similar findings have been reported in several studies.[3–6]

2.5. Combination of consecutive and non-consecutive references

These findings are consistent with previous studies.[1,3–6,9]

2.6. Placement of citation numbers

DJMP places citation numbers after punctuation.

Correct: Diabetes mellitus is an important public health problem.[1]

Do not use [1] or (1), and do not place citation numbers before punctuation.

3. REFERENCE LIST

The reference list must appear at the end of the manuscript under the heading "REFERENCES". References are numbered 1., 2., 3., etc., in the order in which they are first cited in the text. Do not arrange references alphabetically by author name.

4. AUTHOR NAMES IN REFERENCES

- For references with 1–6 authors: list all authors.

Nguyen VA, Tran TB, Le CD, Pham EF.

- For references with more than 6 authors: list the first 6 authors, followed by “et al.”.

Nguyen VA, Tran TB, Le CD, Pham EF, Hoang GH, Vo IK, et al.

Do not include academic titles, degrees, or professional designations in reference entries.

5. JOURNAL ARTICLES

DJMP standard format:

Author(s). Article title. Full Journal Title. Year;Volume(Issue):Pages/Article number. doi:DOI.

Example:

1. Wong CK, Mak RY, Kwok TS, et al. Prevalence, incidence, and factors associated with non-specific chronic low back pain in community-dwelling older adults aged 60 years and older: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Journal of Pain. 2022;23(4):509-534. doi:10.1016/j.jpain.2021.07.012.

Article using an article number:

2. Angolile CM, Max BL, Mushemba J, Mashauri HL. Global increased cesarean section rates and public health implications: a call to action. Health Science Reports. 2023;6(5):e1274. doi:10.1002/hsr2.1274.

6. VIETNAMESE-LANGUAGE JOURNAL ARTICLES

Retain the authors’ names, article title, and journal title in Vietnamese. Do not translate a Vietnamese article title into English.

3. Lê Hồ Thị Quỳnh Anh, Mai TH, Tâm NM. Các vấn đề sức khỏe thường gặp và nhu cầu chăm sóc sức khỏe của người cao tuổi tại thành phố Huế. Tạp chí Y Dược học. 2020;10(2):50-57. doi:10.34071/jmp.2020.2.8.

7. BOOKS

Format:

Author(s)/Organization. Book title. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; Year.

Example:

4. American Psychiatric Association. Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. 5th ed. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association; 2013.

Book titles are presented in regular type (not italicized).

8. BOOK CHAPTERS

Format:

Chapter author(s). Chapter title. In: Editor name(s), ed(s). Book title. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; Year:Pages.

Example:

5. Jain L, Eaton DC. Physiology of fetal lung fluid clearance and the effect of labor. In: Polin RA, Fox WW, Abman SH, eds. Fetal and Neonatal Physiology. Elsevier; 2006:34-43.

9. WEBSITES AND ONLINE MATERIALS

Format:

Author(s)/Organization. Title of webpage or document. Publication/update date, if available. Accessed Month Day, Year. URL.

Example:

6. International Diabetes Federation. Diabetes facts and figures. Accessed June 29, 2025. URL.

DJMP uses the term “Accessed” for the date of access. Do not combine multiple labels such as [Internet], [cited], “Available from”, and “Accessed” within the same reference.

10. ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS

Format:

Organization. Report title. Place of publication: Organization/Publisher; Year.

Example:

7. World Health Organization. State of the World's Nursing 2020: Investing in Education, Jobs, and Leadership. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2020.

11. THESES AND DISSERTATIONS

Format:

Author. Title [master's thesis/doctoral dissertation]. Place: Institution/University; Year.

Example:

8. Huong NTM. Factors related to physical activity in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients in a general hospital of Thai Nguyen Province, Vietnam [master's thesis]. Chonburi: Burapha University; 2014.

12. LEGAL DOCUMENTS, DECISIONS, AND CIRCULARS

For Vietnamese legal documents, DJMP uses a specific format to ensure that each document can be accurately identified.

Format:

Issuing authority. Document number/code. Title of document. Date of issuance.

Decision example:

9. Bộ Y tế. Quyết định số 2892/QĐ-BYT. Hướng dẫn chẩn đoán và điều trị bệnh béo phì. Ban hành ngày 22 tháng 10 năm 2022.

Circular example:

10. Bộ Y tế. Thông tư số 43/2018/TT-BYT. Hướng dẫn phòng ngừa sự cố y khoa trong các cơ sở khám bệnh, chữa bệnh. Ban hành ngày 26 tháng 12 năm 2018.

13. CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

If a guideline is published as a journal article, format it as a journal article.

11. Mitchell RB, Archer SM, Ishman SL, et al. Clinical practice guideline: tonsillectomy in children (update). Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. 2019;160(1 Suppl):S1-S42. doi:10.1177/0194599818801757.

14. DOI

When a source has a DOI, authors must provide it. DJMP uses the following standardized format: doi:10.xxxx/xxxxx.

Example:

doi:10.1016/j.jpain.2021.07.012.

Do not mix formats such as DOI:, Doi:, doi, or DOI URLs within the same reference system. For journal articles with a DOI, the DOI should be used as the persistent identifier; the journal webpage URL does not need to be added unless necessary.

15. DJMP FORMATTING RULES

To ensure consistency in the reference list, DJMP applies the following formatting rules:

Element	Format
Author name(s)	Regular type
Article title	Regular type
Journal title	Written in full, not abbreviated; regular type
Year;Volume(Issue):Pages	Regular type
DOI	Regular type
Book title	Regular type
Thesis/dissertation title	Regular type
Report title	Regular type
Document/website title	Regular type

16. REFERENCE CHECK BEFORE PUBLICATION

Before a manuscript proceeds to the Production stage, authors and the Editorial Office must verify at least the following:

- Every reference listed is cited in the text, and every in-text citation appears in the reference list.

- Citation numbering and the reference list are in the correct corresponding order.
- There are no duplicate references.
- Author names are accurate.
- Article/document titles are accurate.
- Journal titles are written in full and are not abbreviated.
- Year, volume, issue, pages, or article number are accurate.
- DOIs are accurate and resolvable.
- Website references include an access date.
- No erroneous fields or placeholders remain from Zotero, EndNote, Mendeley, or other reference-management software.
- No technical messages such as “Missing: place of publication.” remain in the final manuscript.

- APPENDIX: DJMP REFERENCE STYLE 2026
- QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE – Vancouver/NLM-based DJMP Reference Style
- Convention: In-text citations use superscript Arabic numerals without brackets or parentheses; references are numbered in order of appearance. Article/document titles are in regular type; journal titles are written in full without abbreviation; DOI is included when available.

No.	REFERENCE TYPE	FORMAT + CORRECT EXAMPLE	COMMON ERRORS
1	Journal article 1–6 authors	FORMAT: Author(s). Article title. Full Journal Title. Year;Volume(Issue):Pages. doi:DOI. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Lê Hồ Thị Quỳnh Anh, Mai TH, Tâm NM. Các vấn đề sức khỏe thường gặp và nhu cầu chăm sóc sức khỏe của người cao tuổi tại thành phố Huế. Tạp chí Y Dược học. 2020;10(2):50-57. doi:10.34071/jmp.2020.2.8.	Abbreviating the journal title; missing volume/issue/pages; italicizing the article title; omitting DOI when available.
2	Journal article >6 authors	FORMAT: First 6 authors, et al. Article title. Full Journal Title. Year;Volume(Issue):Pages. doi:DOI. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Wong CK, Mak RY, Kwok TS, Son NM, Wang HC, Saag M, et al. Prevalence, incidence, and factors associated with non-specific chronic low back pain in community-dwelling older adults aged 60 years and older: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Journal of Pain. 2022;23(4):509-534. doi:10.1016/j.jpain.2021.07.012.	Mixing “and colleagues” with “et al.”; including academic degrees; inconsistent number of authors before et al.
3	Article with Article Number	FORMAT: Author(s). Article title. Journal Title. Year;Volume(Issue):Article number. doi:DOI. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Angolile CM, Max BL, Mushemba J, Mashauri HL. Global increased cesarean section rates and public health implications: a call to action. Health Science Reports. 2023;6(5):e1274. doi:10.1002/hsr2.1274.	Treating an article number as page numbers; inventing a page range.
4	Online First / Ahead of Print	FORMAT: Author(s). Article title. Journal Title. Published online Month Day, Year. doi:DOI. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Nguyen AA, Tran BB. Example of an online-first medical article. Journal Title. Published online January 15, 2026. doi:10.xxxx/xxxxx.	Adding volume, issue, or pages before the article has been formally assigned to an issue.
5	Vietnamese-language journal article	FORMAT: Author(s). Vietnamese article title. Full Journal Title. Year;Volume(Issue):Pages. doi:DOI. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Trần Thị Thu Vân. Nghiên cứu tình hình sai sót liên quan đến thuốc trong điều trị nội trú tại Bệnh viện Đa khoa Hoàn Mỹ Minh Hải năm 2021. Tạp chí Y học Việt Nam. 2022;516(2):192-196.	Translating the title into English; removing Vietnamese diacritics; abbreviating the journal title.
6	Systematic review / Meta-analysis	FORMAT: Format as a journal article. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Jarde A, Feng YY, Viaje KA, Shah PS, McDonald SD. Vaginal birth vs caesarean section for extremely preterm vertex infants: a systematic review and meta-analysis. Archives of Gynecology and Obstetrics. 2020;301:447-458. doi:10.1007/s00404-019-05417-0.	Adding a label such as [systematic review] when it is not part of the original title.

No.	REFERENCE TYPE	FORMAT + CORRECT EXAMPLE	COMMON ERRORS
7	Guideline published in a journal	FORMAT: Format as a journal article. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Mitchell RB, Archer SM, Ishman SL, et al. Clinical practice guideline: tonsillectomy in children (update). Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. 2019;160(1 Suppl):S1-S42. doi:10.1177/0194599818801757.	Citing it as a website even though the guideline was published as a journal article.
8	Book	FORMAT: Author(s)/Organization. Book title. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; Year. CORRECT EXAMPLE: American Psychiatric Association. Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders. 5th ed. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association; 2013.	Missing edition, place of publication, or publisher.
9	Book issued by an organization	FORMAT: Organization. Book title. Edition. Place of publication: Organization/Publisher; Year. CORRECT EXAMPLE: International Diabetes Federation. IDF Diabetes Atlas. 11th ed. Brussels, Belgium: International Diabetes Federation; 2025.	Omitting the organization because there is no individual author.
10	Book chapter	FORMAT: Chapter author(s). Chapter title. In: Editor(s), ed(s). Book title. Edition. Place of publication: Publisher; Year:Pages. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Jain L, Eaton DC. Physiology of fetal lung fluid clearance and the effect of labor. In: Polin RA, Fox WW, Abman SH, eds. Fetal and Neonatal Physiology. Elsevier; 2006:34-43.	Citing the entire book instead of the chapter; missing editors or chapter pages.
11	Organizational report	FORMAT: Organization. Report title. Place of publication: Organization/Publisher; Year. CORRECT EXAMPLE: World Health Organization. State of the World's Nursing 2020: Investing in Education, Jobs, and Leadership. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2020.	Using only the organization abbreviation; treating a report as a website.
12	Website / webpage	FORMAT: Author(s)/Organization. Page title. Publication/update date, if available. Accessed Month Day, Year. URL. CORRECT EXAMPLE: International Diabetes Federation. Diabetes facts and figures. Accessed June 29, 2025. https://link.springer.com/content/pdf/10.1007/s10266-026-01525-x.pdf	Providing only a URL; missing page title/access date; combining [Internet], [cited], Available from, and Accessed.
13	Master's thesis	FORMAT: Author. Title [master's thesis]. Place: Institution/University; Year. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Huong NTM. Factors related to physical activity in type 2 diabetes mellitus patients in a general hospital of Thai Nguyen Province, Vietnam [master's thesis]. Chonburi: Burapha University; 2014.	Omitting the thesis type; missing institution or year.
14	Doctoral dissertation	FORMAT: Author. Title [doctoral dissertation]. Place: Institution/University; Year. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Nguyen AA. Example title of doctoral dissertation [doctoral dissertation]. Hanoi: University Name; 2025.	Using the wrong degree type; listing a publisher instead of the awarding institution.

No.	REFERENCE TYPE	FORMAT + CORRECT EXAMPLE	COMMON ERRORS
15	Decision issued by a government authority	FORMAT: Authority. Decision No. .../... Title of decision/document issued with the decision. Issued on ... CORRECT EXAMPLE: Bộ Y tế. Quyết định số 2892/QĐ-BYT. Hướng dẫn chẩn đoán và điều trị bệnh béo phì. Ban hành ngày 22 tháng 10 năm 2022.	Listing only the authority and year; missing decision number or date of issuance.
16	Circular / legal normative document	FORMAT: Authority. Circular No. .../... Title of document. Issued on ... CORRECT EXAMPLE: Bộ Y tế. Thông tư số 43/2018/TT-BYT. Hướng dẫn phòng ngừa sự cố y khoa trong các cơ sở khám bệnh, chữa bệnh. Ban hành ngày 26 tháng 12 năm 2018.	Incomplete document number; providing only a URL instead of identifying the legal document.
17	Conference proceedings paper	FORMAT: Author(s). Paper title. In: Conference/proceedings title; date; location. Place of publication: Organization/Publisher; Year:Pages. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Nguyen AA, Tran BB. Example title of conference paper. In: Proceedings of the International Conference on Health Sciences; October 15-16, 2026; Da Nang, Vietnam. Da Nang: Organizing Institution; 2026:25-30.	Formatting it as a journal article; missing conference name, date, location, or pages.
18	Preprint	FORMAT: Author(s). Title. Preprint server. Year. doi:DOI. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Nguyen AA, Tran BB. Example title of preprint article. medRxiv. 2026. doi:10.xxxx/xxxxx.	Formatting it as a peer-reviewed article without indicating that it is a preprint.
19	Dataset / data repository	FORMAT: Author(s)/Organization. Dataset title [dataset]. Repository; Year. doi:DOI. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Nguyen AA, Tran BB. Example oral health survey dataset [dataset]. Zenodo; 2026. doi:10.xxxx/zenodo.xxxxx.	Providing only a URL; missing repository, year, or DOI.
20	Scientific software	FORMAT: Author(s)/Organization. Software name. Version. Developer/Publisher; Year. URL/doi:DOI. CORRECT EXAMPLE: Organization. Example Software. Version 4.0. Developer; 2026. URL.	Providing only the software name; missing version, developer, or retrieval information.

PRE-SUBMISSION CHECKLIST: (1) citation numbers are superscript and correctly ordered; (2) in-text citations match the reference list; (3) article/document titles are accurate; (4) journal titles are written in full and not abbreviated; (5) DOI is included and verified when available.