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Extract from: R. J. Moon, A. Martini, J. Nairn, J. Simonsen and J. Youngblood, *Chem. Soc. Rev.*, 2011, **40**, 3941–3994.

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The reference list should contain full details of all of the sources mentioned in the text, in numerical order. For example:

1. *Cellulose Nanocomposites: Processing, Characterization and Properties*, ed. K. Oksman and M. Sain, American Chemical Society, Washington, 2006.
2. *Model Cellulosic Surfaces*, ed. M. Roman, American Chemical Society, Washington, 2009.
3. *The Nanoscience and Technology of Renewable Biomaterials*, ed. A. L. Lucia and O. J. Rojas, John Wiley & Sons, Singapore, 2009.
4. A. C. O'Sullivan, *Cellulose*, 1997, **4**, 173–207.
5. M. A. S. A. Samir, F. Alloin and A. Dufresne, *Biomacromolecules*, 2005, **6**, 612–626.
6. Y. Nishiyama, *J. Wood Sci.*, 2009, **55**, 241–249.

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J. March, *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, Wiley, New York, 3rd edn., 1985.

Book with editor(s) instead of author(s)

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CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics, ed. W. M. Haynes and D. R. Lide, CRC Press, Boca Raton, 92nd edn., 2011.

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Corporate author, *Title*, Publisher, Place of publication, Edition (if not the first), Year.

International Energy Agency, *Offshore Renewable Energy: Accelerating the Deployment of Offshore Wind, Tidal, and Wave Technologies*, Earthscan, Abingdon, 2012.

Book usually known by its title (no authors/editors)

Title, Publisher, Place of publication, Edition (if not the first), Year.

British National Formulary: BNF 62, BMJ/Pharmaceutical Press, London, 2011.

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J. Barker, in *Catalyst Deactivation*, ed. B. Delmon and C. Froment, Elsevier, Amsterdam, 2nd edn., 1987, vol. 1, ch. 4, pp. 253–255.

Journal articles

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For published material where page numbers are not yet known, articles should be cited by DOI (Digital Object Identifier).

T. J. Hebden, R. R. Schrock, M. K. Takase and P. Müller, *Chem. Commun.*, 2012, DOI: 10.1039/C2CC17634C.

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A. R. Jones, *Angew. Chem.*, in press.

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The Merck Index Online, <https://www.rsc.org/Merck-Index/monograph/m2111/aspirin>, (accessed October 2013).

ChemSpider, <http://www.chemspider.com/Chemical-Structure.1906.html>, (accessed June 2011).

Material presented at meetings

Conference paper (when proceedings have a named editor)

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S. Pullen, in *Proceedings of the International Conference in Sustainability in Energy and Buildings (SEB'09)*, ed. R. J. Howlett, L. C. Jain and S. H. Lee, Springer, Brighton and Hove, 2009, pp. 325–337.

Conference paper (when proceedings have no named editor or are part of a major series)

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H. C. Freeman, *Proceedings of the 21st International Conference on Coordination Chemistry*, Toulouse, 1980.

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A. R. Jones, presented in part at the 28th Congress of the International Union of Pure and Applied Chemistry, Vancouver, August, 1981.

Thesis / Dissertation

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R. C. McKenna, PhD Thesis, University of Bath, 2009.

A. McMillen, MBA Dissertation, University of Bath, 2010.

Report

INITIALS, Author's surname, *Title*, Department/Division Report number (if given), Publisher, Place of publication, Year.

R. A. Allen, D. B. Smith and J. E. Hiscott, *Radioisotope Data*, UKAEA Research Group Report AERE-R 2938, H.M.S.O., London, 1961.

Patent

Patent country (abbreviated), Patent number, Year.

Br. Pat., GB2448234, 2008

US Pat., US20100120727A1, 2010.

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Software

Creator, Software Name (Version), Publisher, Place of Publication, Year.

F. James, AIM2000 (version 1.0), University of Applied Sciences, Bielefeld, Germany, 2000.

T. Bellander, M. Lewne and B. Brunekreef, GAUSSIAN 3 (Revision B.05), Gaussian Inc., Pittsburgh, PA, 2003.

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