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Smith, J., Jones, M., Houghton, L. (1999). Future of health insurance. N. Engl. J. Med. 965.325-329

## 3.7.2.2 Books and chapters

### Book, authored:

Elbow, P. (1998). Writing with power: Techniques for mastering the writing process (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Oxford University Press.

South, J. & Blass, B. (2001). The future of modern genomics. Blackwell, London.

#### Book, edited:

Smith, J. & Brown, B. (2001). The demise of modern genomics. Blackwell, London.

## Book chapter:

Brown, B., Aaron, M. & Brum, P. (2001). The politics of nature. In: J. Smith (Ed.), The rise of modern genomics, 3<sup>rd</sup> edn. Wiley, New York, p 234–295.

3.7.2.3 Proceedings and conference papers

# Proceedings as a book:

Zowghi, D. et al. (1996). A framework for reasoning about requirements in evolution. In: N. Foo & R. Goebel (Eds.) PRICAl'96: topics in artificial intelligence, 4<sup>th</sup> Pacific Rim conference on artificial intelligence, Cairns, August 1996. Lecture notes in computer science (Lecture notes in artificial intelligence), vol 1114. Springer, Heidelberg, p 157.

## Proceedings with an editor:

Aaron, M, (1999), The future of genomics. In: H. Williams (Ed.) Proceedings of the genomic researchers, Boston.

#### Proceedings without an editor:

Chung, S-T. & Morris, R. L. (1978). Isolation and characterization of plasmid deoxyribonucleic acid from Streptomyces fradiae. In: Abstracts of the 3<sup>rd</sup> international symposium on the genetics of industrial microorganisms, University of Wisconsin, Madison, 4-9 June 1978.

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Doe, J. (1999). Title of subordinate document. In: The dictionary of substances and their effects. Royal Society of Chemistry. Available via DIALOG. http://www.rsc.org/dose/title of subordinate document. Accessed 15 Jan 1999.

Healthwise Knowledgebase (1998). US Pharmacopeia, Rockville. <a href="http://www.healthwise.org">http://www.healthwise.org</a>. Accessed 21 Sept 1998.

Doe, J. (1999). Trivial HTTP, RFC2169. ftp://ftp.isi.edu/in-notes/rfc2169.txt. Accessed 12 Nov 1999.

ISSN International Centre (2006). The ISSN register. http://www.issn.org. Accessed 20 Feb 2007.

#### 3.7.2.5 Dissertation

Trent, J. W. (1975). Experimental acute renal failure. Dissertation, University of California.

#### 3.7.2.6 In Press

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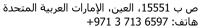
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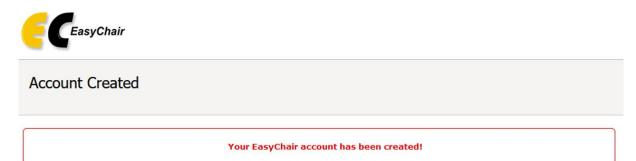


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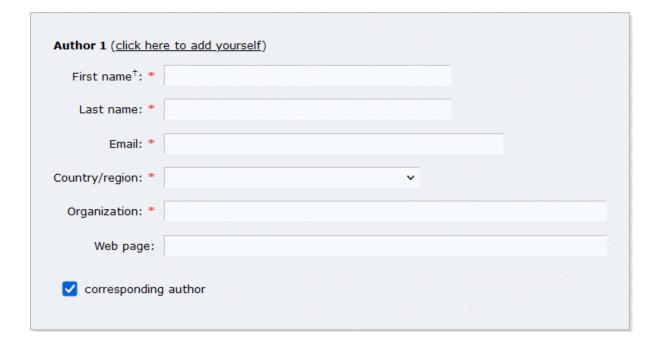
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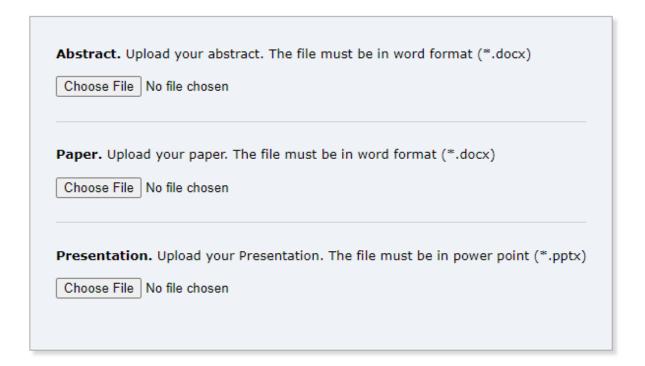


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