

Reference Sorting

APA, Chicago, and CSE Style

For publications that use Harvard-style (i.e., name–date) citations, eXtyles Reference Sorting can be run after Bibliographic Reference Processing to sort reference lists alphabetically and according to the editorial style recommended by the APA, Chicago, and CSE manuals of style. Where these manuals diverge, eXtyles Reference Sorting follows these conventions:

1. Author surname parts such as "van" or "la" are included as part of the surname (i.e., they are not grouped with the author initials).
2. Alphabetization is word-by-word (e.g., "Van Stronheim" will be listed before "Vanstone").
3. "Mc" and "St." are alphabetized as typed, not as if spelled out as "Mac" and "Saint".
4. Jr., Sr., III, etc are ignored during the sorting process.

Cell Press and Society for General Microbiology Style

Alternatively, reference sorting can be used to reorder reference lists according to the style used by Cell Press and the Society for General Microbiology. This latter style follows these rules for ordering references with the same first author surname:

1. All single-author references are listed, subsorted by year and then year letter (e.g., 2006a).
2. Next, all two-author references are listed, subsorted by second author surname, then by year, and then by year letter.
3. Last, all references with three or more authors are listed, subsorted by year.

Note that for ordering references with different first-author surnames, the alphabetization conventions listed under **APA, Chicago, and CSE Style** also apply to Cell/SGM style.

Using Reference Sorting

To use Reference Sorting:

1. Run eXtyles up through Bibliographic Reference Processing. Sorting will not work on unprocessed references. We recommend, however, that sorting be run after PubMed/CrossRef Checking, where it appears on the Advanced Processing menu.
2. The sorting results will be more accurate if all reference author lists are correctly identified by eXtyles. Therefore, we recommend that any problematic unknown or misparsed references be corrected and reprocessed before Reference Sorting is run.
3. From the eXtyles **Advanced Processing** menu, select **Reference Sorting**. eXtyles will sort your reference list according to one of the two styles described above, as configured according to your organization's preference.

If the order of two or more references is ambiguous (for instance, if there are three "Smith J, 2000" references), Reference Sorting will insert a warning.