O NOVO ESTILO DE VANCOUVER: o que mudou nas referências

THE NEW VANCOUVER STYLE: what has changed regarding references

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RESUMO

Apresenta breve relato dos "Requisitos uniformes para originais submetidos a revistas biomédicas" com ênfase às atualizações nas referências bibliográficas, na versão de novembro de 2003.

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INTRODUÇÃO

Dos principais métodos de organização de material bibliográfico, dentro de um texto científico, encontrado na área da saúde, o estilo Vancouver⁽¹⁾, proposto pelos editores de periódicos internacionais, se tornou o mais difundido e utilizado pelas publicações científicas.

As referências, como uma das partes importantes dentro do texto científico, para serem facilmente recuperadas, devem ser precisas⁽²⁻⁵⁾. É fundamental a absoluta concordância e a padronização de todos os elementos das referências com as fontes de informação e indexação de artigos científicos, como as bases de dados Medline, Embase Lilacs, etc.

O uso de um único formato nas referências tem sido um dos indicadores de qualidade em um periódico científico, quando avaliados pelos Comitês nacionais e internacionais, para indexação em bases de dados⁽⁶⁾.

A partir de novembro de 2003, o formato proposto no estilo de Vancouver, incluiu alguns novos elementos nas referências.

O ESTILO VANCOUVER

Com o objetivo de estabelecer diretrizes para o formato dos originais submetidos a suas revistas e auxiliar os autores e editores na elaboração e distribuição de relatos de estudos médicos de forma precisa, clara, acessível e uniforme, um grupo de editores de revistas da área médica reuniu-se em 1978, em Vancouver (British Columbia), Canadá. Esse grupo ficou conhecido, principalmente entre os editores e autores de publicações da área biomédica como o Grupo de Vancouver. Em 1979, publicaram, pela primeira vez, os requisitos para apresentação de originais, inclusive formatos de referências bibliográficas desenvolvidos pela National Library of Medicine – NLM, produtora da base de dados Medline.

Desse Grupo foi formado o Comitê Internacional de Editores de Revistas Médicas (International Committee of Medical Journal Editors – ICMJE), que gradualmente ampliou suas áreas de interesse para incluir princípios éticos relacionados à publicação em revistas biomédicas.

Várias edições dos requisitos uniformes para originais submetidos a revistas biomédicas já foram publicadas ao longo desses anos, incluindo,

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além da preparação de originais, assuntos sobre política editorial. Atualizações foram feitas em 1997, maio de 1999, maio de 2000 e em maio de 2001, quando o ICMJE revisou as seções relacionadas a potencial conflito de interesse. Na revisão de novembro de 2003, o Comitê revisou e reorganizou todo o documento.

As seções iniciais abordam os princípios éticos relacionados ao processo de avaliação, questões editoriais, melhoria e publicação de originais e as relações entre os editores, autores, revisores, e meios de comunicação e as últimas seções abordam os aspectos mais técnicos da preparação e submissão de originais⁽¹⁾.

As últimas seções dessa revisão incluem as mudanças nas referências bibliográficas, que passaram incorporar novos elementos apresentando uma série de exemplos das referências mais comuns citadas nos trabalhos científicos⁽⁷⁾.

Os títulos dos periódicos abreviados de acordo com padronização proposta pela National Library of Medicine, incluíram, após a abreviatura do título do periódico, a indicação de um ponto final. Dessa forma, na área de oftalmologia, os títulos dos periódicos passarão a ser abreviados conforme quadro 1.

Na versão anterior dos requisitos uniformes, adotava-se apenas a indicação do volume do periódico. Nessa última versão, foi incluído **o número do fascículo**, entre parênteses, após a indicação do número do volume, ficando assim mais precisa a recuperação de um artigo referenciado.

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Para referenciar artigos escritos em outros idiomas que não o inglês, ficou estabelecido que o título do artigo deve ser transcrito na língua original do trabalho referenciado, porém, com a ressalva que a National Library of Medicine utiliza o título traduzido para o inglês, entre colchetes, com a informação do idioma original do trabalho citado.

Segundo o ICMJE Secretariat office⁽⁸⁾, fica a critério de cada editor de revista a padronização do idioma em que devem ser referenciados os artigos cujos títulos não são escritos em inglês.

Por considerarmos que nos artigos publicados em periódicos, muitos livros em francês, alemão, espanhol, italiano, são citados nas referências e cujos títulos devem ser referenciados como aparecem na publicação, sem traduzi-los, optamos pelo uso da citação na língua original do trabalho quando em línguas latinas ou anglo-saxônicas.

Para referências a trabalhos em outros idiomas japonês, russo, polonês, etc. o título do artigo deve ser feito referenciado em inglês, entre colchetes, com a designação do idioma, no final da referência, seguindo o mesmo padrão adotado pela National Library of Medicine. Exemplo:

Hirayama T, Kobayashi T, Fujita T, Fujino O. [A case of severe mental retardation with blepharophimosis, ptosis, microphthalmia, microcephalus, hypogonadism and short stature—the difference from Ohdo blepharophimosis syndrome]. No To Hattatsu. 2004;36(3):253-7. **Japanese.**

As referências a trabalhos aceitos para publicação, mas ainda não publicados, consideradas "no prelo" ou "in press",

anteriormente indicadas apenas com [In press] ou [No prelo], passaram exigir a inclusão do ano em que o artigo será publicado, dando assim a garantia de que o trabalho citado foi realmente aceito e com previsão de publicação. Assim passaram a ser referenciados como:

Stewart WC, Geiger AC, Jenkins JN. The benefit of repeated intraocular pressure measurements in clinical trials. Arch Ophthalmol. **In press 2004.**

Cronemberger S, Santos DVV, Ramos LFF, Oliveira ACM, Maestrini HA, Calixto N. Trabeculectomia com mitomicina C em pacientes com glaucoma congênito refratário. Arq Bras Oftalmol. **No prelo 2004**.

As informações obtidas de originais submetidos, mas *ainda não aceitos* para publicação, devem ser citadas no texto como "observações não publicadas", com permissão por escrito da fonte. Deve-se usar a nota de rodapé para essas informações.

A citação de "Comunicação pessoal" deve ser evitada, a não ser que as informações sejam imprescindíveis e não estejam disponíveis em fontes públicas. Nesse caso, o nome da pessoa e a data da comunicação devem ser citados entre parênteses no texto. Para artigos científicos, os autores devem obter permissão e confirmação por escrito, por parte da fonte de comunicação pessoal, de que a informação foi citada de forma precisa.

Os artigos de periódicos publicados na Internet, anteriormente identificados como [serial online] ou [periódico online], passaram a ser referenciados como [serial on the Internet] ou [periódico na Internet]. Outra modificação na referência de periódicos disponíveis na Internet foi com relação à indicação do total de páginas, que passou da indicação de [screens] ou [telas] para [about.... p.] ou [cerca de.... p.].

A referencia ao endereço eletrônico onde está disponível o artigo, que anteriormente utilizava a indicação da URL, passou indicar apenas o endereço do hipertexto, o seja a indicação http. Exemplo:

Feiz V, Mannis MJ. Intraocular lens power calculation after corneal refractive surgery. Curr Opin Ophthalmol [serial on the Internet]. 2004 Aug [cited 2004 Aug 12]; 15(4): [about 8 p.]. Available from: http://www.co-ophthalmology.com/pt/re/coophth/abstract.00055735-200408000-00011.htm

Lucena AR, Velasco e Cruz AA, Cavalcante R. Estudo epidemiológico do tracoma em comunidade da Chapada do Araripe - Pernambuco – Brasil. Arq Bras Oftalmol [periódico na Internet]. 2004 Mar-Abr [cited 2004 Jul 12]; 67(2):[cerca de 4 p.]. Disponível em: http://www.abonet.com.br/abo/672/197-200.pdf

O texto completo da versão de novembro de 2003 do texto do Uniform Requirements for Manuscripts Submitted to Biomedical Journals: Writing and Editing for Biomedical Publication, está disponível em: http://www.icmje.org/e os exemplos das referências podem ser encontrados nos endereço: http://www.nlm.nih.gov/bsd/uniform requirements.html

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ABSTRACT

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