

# INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

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#### Journal Article

- Anhoury P, Nathanson D, Hughes CV, Socransky S, Feres M, Chou LL. Microbial profile on metallic and ceramic bracket materials. *Angle Orthod* 2002;72: 338–43.
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#### Book

- Murray PR, Rosenthal KS, Kobayashi GS, Pfaffler MA. *Medical microbiology*. 4th ed. St. Louis: Mosby; 2002.

#### Book Chapter

- Meltzer PS, Kallioniemi A, Trent JM. Chromosome alterations in human solid tumors. In: Vogelstein B, Kinzler KW, eds. *The genetic basis of human cancer*. New York: McGraw-Hill; 2002. p. 93–113.

#### Online Publication

- Zhang M, Holman CD, Price SD, Sanfilippo FM, Preen DB, Bulsara MK. Comorbidity and repeat admission to hospital for adverse drug reactions in older adults: retrospective cohort study. *BMJ* 2009;338:a2752. <https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.a2752>

#### Online Source

- World Health Organization (WHO). WHO statistical information system [Internet]. Geneva: WHO; 2014 [cited 2014 Feb 1]. Available from: <http://www.who.int/research/en/>

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