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Preparing Papers and LaTeX Template

Authors using LaTeX are encouraged to use the template `sample.tex`. In addition please use the style file `obs_study_style.sty` and the bibtex file, `sample.bib` on the website.

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Reference Style

Citations within the text should include the author's last name and year, for example (Cheeseman and Carrotwoman, 1992). Append lower-case letters to the year in case of ambiguity, as in (Cheeseman, 1993a). References in the text should be ordered by author's surname and publication date. In publications by three or more authors, all are listed the first time, and first author et al. used subsequently. In publications with more than six authors, first author et al. is used throughout.

The recommended citation style file `natbib`, is included in `obs_study.sty`. It supports citations with macros such as `\citep{}` and `\citet{}`. The basic uses of `\citep{}` and `\citet{}` are as follows:

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\citet{jon90} => Jones et al. (1990)
\citet[chap.~2]{jon90} => Jones et al. (1990, chap. 2)
\citep{jon90} => (Jones et al., 1990)
\citep[chap.~2]{jon90} => (Jones et al., 1990, chap. 2)
\citep[see][]{jon90} => (see Jones et al., 1990)
\citep[see][chap.~2]{jon90} => (see Jones et al., 1990, chap. 2)
\citet*{jon90} => Jones, Baker, and Williams (1990)
\citep*{jon90} => (Jones, Baker, and Williams, 1990)
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For details on making citations with `natbib` macros, see the `natbib` documentation (Patrick W. Daly. Natural sciences citations and references. Available electronically at [ftp.freeware.com/pub/tex/ctan/macros/contrib/supported/natbib](http://freeware.com/pub/tex/ctan/macros/contrib/supported/natbib)).

Examples of the citation style are the following:

Asimov, I. (1951). Foundation. Gnome Press, New York.

Cochran, W.G. (1965). The planning of observational studies of human populations. Journal of the Royal Statistical Society. Series A (General), 128(2):234–266.