



MANUSCRIPT GUIDELINES FOR AUTHORS

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References to a journal publication:

1. Kim YG, Shim J, Oh S, Lee K, Choi J, Kim Y. Electrical isolation of the left atrial appendage increases the risk of ischemic stroke and transient ischemic attack regardless of postisolation flow velocity. *Heart Rhythm* 2018;15:1746-1753.
2. Calkins H, Kuck KH, Cappato R, et al. 2012 HRS/EHRA/ECAS expert consensus statement on catheter and surgical ablation of atrial fibrillation: Recommendations for patient selection, procedural techniques, patient management and follow-up, definitions, endpoints, and research trial design. *Heart Rhythm* 2012;9:632-696.

References to a book:

3. Strunk W Jr, White EB. *The Elements of Style*. 4th ed. New York, NY: Longman; 2000.

References to a chapter in an edited book:

4. Mettham GR, Adams LB. How to prepare an electronic version of your article. In: Jones BS, Smith RZ, eds. *Introduction to the Electronic Age*. New York, NY: EPublishing Inc;2009:281-304. Abbreviations for periodicals cited in the references should follow the style of Index Medicus and can also be accessed at nlm.nih.gov.

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