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Articles in Journals (see also #36. Journal article on the Internet)

1. Standard journal article

List the first six authors followed by et al. (Note: NLM now lists all authors.)


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21st century heart solution may have a sting in the tail. BMJ. 2002;325(7357):184.

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Yen GG (Oklahoma State University, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Stillwater, OK). Health monitoring on vibration signatures. Final report. Arlington

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37. Monograph on the Internet [Edited 12 May 2009]


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