

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR AUTHORS

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KAWAGISHI, H. et al. Fractionation and antitumor activity of the water-insoluble residue of *Agaricus blazei* fruiting bodies. **Carbohydrate Research**, v.186, n.2, p.267-73, 1989.

**Books:**

AUTHOR. **Book title**. Edition. Publication place: Publisher, Year. Total number of pages.

MURRIA, R.D.H.; MÉNDEZ, J.; BROWN, S.A. **The natural coumarins**: occurrence, chemistry, and biochemistry. 3.ed. Chinchester: John Wiley & Sons, 1982. 702p.

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AUTHOR. **Title**: subtitle. Year. Total number of pages. Category (degree and concentration area) - Institution, University, Place.

OLIVEIRA, A.F.M. **Caracterização de Acanthaceae medicinais conhecidas como anador no nordeste do Brasil**. 1995. 125p. Dissertation (Master's – Concentration area in Botany) – Department of Botany, Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife.

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VIEIRA, R.F.; MARTINS, M.V.M. Estudos etnobotânicos de espécies medicinais de uso popular no Cerrado. In: INTERNATIONAL SAVANNA

SYMPOSIUM, 3., 1996, Brasília. **Proceedings**... Brasília: Embrapa, 1996. p.169-71.

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AUTHOR(S). Paper title. **Journal title**, volume, number, first page-last page, year. Place: publisher, year. Pages. Available at: <http://www.....>. Accessed on: day month (abbreviated) year.

PEREIRA, R.S. et al. Atividade antibacteriana de óleos essenciais em cepas isoladas de infecção urinária. **Revista de Saúde Pública**, v.38, n.2, p.326-8, 2004. Available at: <http://www.scielo.br>. Accessed on: 18 Apr. 2005.

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