

# EndNote, Vancouver Style & Journal Abbreviations

Quick  
guide

Library Services

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The Vancouver style of referencing requires that journal titles be abbreviated according to the style used in Index Medicus. These abbreviations are contained in the Medical Journals term list supplied with your EndNote software, and located in C:\Program Files\EndNote\Term Lists.

This Quick Guide will show you how to:

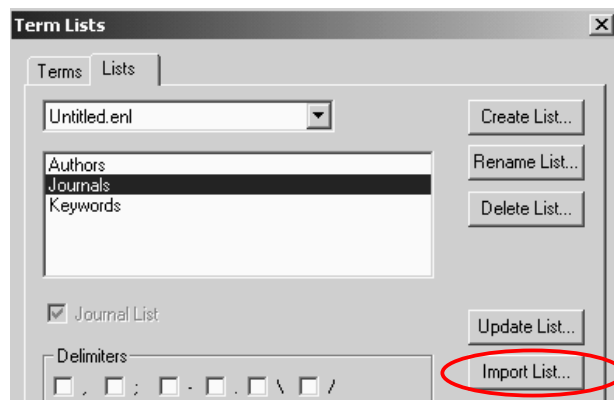
- a. Import the Medical Journals term list into your EndNote library, and
- b. Modify the Vancouver output style to use the abbreviated journal title when formatting your bibliography

**N.B. If you will be importing the list into an EndNote library which already contains references, you will need to first delete the existing terms in the journals term list of your library. To do this:**

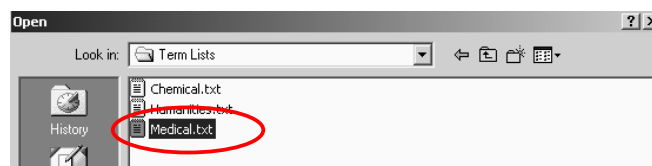
1. Open your EndNote library
2. Click on **Tools** on the menu bar and choose **Open Term Lists** and then choose **Journals**
3. Click anywhere in the window where the journal titles are displayed
4. Press **Ctrl+A** to select all terms
5. Click on the **Delete Term** button to delete all terms
6. **Close** the Term Lists dialogue box

## a) How to import the Medical Journals term list supplied with your EndNote software:

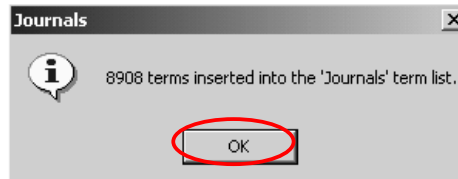
1. Open your EndNote library.
2. From the **Tools** menu, click **Define Term Lists...**
3. Highlight the **Journals** terms list, then click **Import List...**



4. Select **Medical.txt** from the **Term Lists** folder (located in C:\Program Files\EndNote\Term Lists), then click **Open**



5. The following information will be displayed:



Click **OK**, and then **Close** the **Term Lists** window.

**b) How to modify the Vancouver output style to use the abbreviated journal title when formatting your bibliography:**

1. From the **Edit** menu, select **Output Styles**, and **Edit "Vancouver"**  
**OR**  
select **Open Style Manager**, find and highlight the Vancouver output style, and click **Edit**.



2. Highlight **Journal Names** in the column on the left.
3. Select **Abbreviation 2** on the right.
4. Click **X** to close.

