

Postscriptum Editorial

A Small Step in *DTJournal*'s Evolution

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Do small things with great love.
—Mother Theresa
Roman Catholic nun and missionary

Square brackets (*synonym*: brackets, especially in American English)¹ are used by different peer-reviewed journals and publishers to separate citation for the in-text references (eg, [14]). Sometimes, the round brackets are used (eg, (14)).² And, it's very popular to find the in-text references in a form of superscript number (eg, ¹⁴). According to Health Science Library, University of Washington, the superscript number (eg, ¹⁴) is inserted into the document immediately next to the fact, concept, or quotation being cited.³

DTJournal used square brackets with a red citation numbers inside during the first 9 issues. And it was really comfortable to use them. But, starting from the 2nd issue of 2019 we implemented usage of the superscript number (eg, ¹⁴).

Advantages of that step according to our vision:

1. Calculation of the number of the used square brackets in three different case report/original research articles gave in average 6 additional symbols⁴⁻⁶ per one page which readers` eyes and mind are to read and analyze (consciously or subconsciously). Thus, our mind is overloaded with a non-useful data.

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E-mail: igorfesenko@ukr.net (Igor P. Fesenko) Instagram: dr_igorfesenko 2. A superscript position and smaller size of the intext references are not so distracting the view of a reader (Table).

TABLE. Comparison of Two Different Forms of the In-text Citations.

	Citation with Square Brackets	Superscript Citation
Term	Free fibula flap [1]	Free fibula flap1

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