

## Topic 5: Directions for Finding an Article from a Citation

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Often, you will need to find a journal article of interest based on the citation alone. Here's an example of a citation:

Kawano, R.; Osaki, T.; Sasaki, H.; Takinoue, M.; Yoshizawa, S.; Takeuchi, S. *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2011**, *133*, 8474-8477.

The citation contains lots of information about the journal article. Here's a breakdown of the information using the example above:

1. Authors (in normal font) → Kawano, R.; Osaki, T.; Sasaki, H.; Takinoue, M.; Yoshizawa, S.; Takeuchi, S.
2. Journal (in italics) → *J. Am. Chem. Soc.*
3. Year published (in bold) → **2011**
4. Volume of the Journal (in italics) → *133*
5. Page numbers (in normal font) → 8474-8477

This is plenty of information to locate the journal article. Just follow the steps below.

1. **Identify the full name of the journal.** If you aren't familiar with the abbreviation, you will first have to look up the full name of the journal. You can try searching online, but a better way is to use the [CAS Source \(CASSI\) Source Tool](#). CASSI is a free resource that can be used to look up publication titles from abbreviations. Once you accept the user agreement, just select "Title or Abbreviation" as your search option, and enter the abbreviation. If you use the example above (J. Am. Chem. Soc.), you'll get a few hits. Select each one until you find the one that uses the abbreviation you're looking for. In the example, J. Am. Chem. Soc. is the abbreviation used for the Journal of the American Chemical Society.
2. **Go to the journal website.** If you are on campus, you can look up the journal's website using a search engine such as Google and go directly to the publisher's website. If you are working from home, you will need to go to the [Walter W. Stiern Library website](#) and select the "Find CSUB Journals" option under the list of "Quick Links" on the left-hand side of the page. Enter the title in the box next to "Title begins with" and click the "Search" button. Click on the link for the journal, and this will take you to a page where you can enter your NetID and password into the indicated boxes. Click the "Login" button to go directly to the journal website.
3. **Search using the citation information.** All journals will have some way to search based on the citation that will vary slightly from journal to journal. Our example is an American Chemical Society (ACS) Publication, so for this article (and any other article from an ACS journal), look for the yellow search box on the upper right. Select the "Citation" tab, and then make sure that the correct journal title (in our example, the journal title should be J.

Am. Chem. Soc.) appears in the pulldown menu. Enter the volume (e.g., the volume is 133) and then enter the starting page number (e.g., 8474). Click the “Go” button. This will take you to the article’s abstract.

4. ***Access the article.*** Articles will often have an HTML and PDF version. For our example (and any other article from an ACS journal), these options will be listed just right of the author names and affiliations. Click on the option you prefer. (Note: There will also be links to the “Supporting Info” and “Figures” to the right of the article links.)