Journal title abbreviations

EndNote uses “term lists” to correctly identify full and the abbreviated title names. EndNote software includes lists of journal names and abbreviations, including medical, bioscience and chemistry lists. Not all subject areas have EndNote terms lists. The medical term list includes most journals indexed by Index Medicus, as used in the databases Ovid Medline and PubMed.

An EndNote library can be linked to more than one term list, however lists must be linked one at a time and conflicts may occur if more than one list is used. It may be safer to use just one list, choosing the one with greatest coverage in your topic area. If a link to a term list is required, then each library you create should be linked to the term list prior to adding any records. For more information, see the Term Lists and Bibliographic Styles sections of the EndNote manual.

Exercise: Linking to a journals terms list

1. Click Tools ▶ Open ▶ Term Lists and select Journals Term list

   Note: If you have previously entered any records into your library it is possible you may already have some terms listed. To ensure the lists work properly, select the Terms tab and delete anything that already shows there.

2. Select the Lists tab and highlight Journals.

3. Click Import List. This will take you to a windows screen to allow you to locate the stored lists. Look under C:\ProgramFiles\EndNote\Terms Lists or under C:\ProgramFiles (x86)\EndNote\Terms Lists and highlight a terms list relevant to your subject area, e.g. Medical.

   Mac users: Locate Endnote in your Applications folder. Choose the folder called ‘Terms’ and then the terms list relevant to you.

4. Click Open. You will note data downloading into your library. When completed you can click OK and close the Terms List window. You will now have the chosen terms list linked to your library for future reference.

5. If you now go back to Tools ▶ Open Term Lists you can see all the titles you now have data for. Click the Terms tab to view your imported terms list. Each journal name in the new list should include:
   - Full journal name
   - Abbreviation 1: Abbreviated title with full stops
   - Abbreviation 2: Abbreviated title without full stops (if Medical Terms List selected)