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1. Manuscript submission

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 - 3.1...
 - 3.2...
3. Conclusions

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(a) Journal article

[1] Zhou, K. B.; Wang, X.; Sun, X. M.; Peng, Q.; Li, Y. D. Enhanced catalytic activity of ceria nanorods

from well defined reactive crystal planes. *J. Catal.* **2005**, *229*, 206–212.

(b) Book (authored)

- [2] Conway, B. E. *Electrochemical Supercapacitors: Scientific Fundamentals and Technological Applications*; Kluwer Academic/Plenum: New York, 1999.

(c) Book chapter

- [3] Craighead, H. G. Nanostructures in electronics. In *Nanomaterials: Synthesis, Properties and Applications*. Edelstein, A.; Cammatata, R., Eds.; Taylor and Francis: New York, 1998; pp 565–566.

(d) Paper in proceedings

- [4] Mahdavi, A.; Spasojevic, B. Incorporating simulation into building systems control logic. In *Proceedings of the 10th International Building Performance Simulation Association Conference and Exhibition (BS2007)*, Beijing, China, 2007, pp 1175–1181.

(e) Thesis or Dissertation

- [5] Chandrakanth, J. S. Effects of ozone on the colloidal stability of particles coated with natural organic matter. Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO, USA, 1994.

(f) Patent

- [6] Sheem, S. K. Low-cost fiber optic pressure sensor. U.S. Patent 6,738,537, May 18, 2004.

(g) Article by DOI

- [7] Slifka, M. K.; Whitton, J. L. Clinical implications of dysregulated cytokine production. *J. Mol. Med.*, in press, DOI: 10.1007/s001090000086.

(h) Online reference

- [8] Tour, J. M. *Molecular Electronics: Commercial Insights, Chemistry, Devices, Architecture and Programming* [Online]. World Scientific: River Edge, NJ, 2003; pp 177–180. http://legacy.netlibrary.com/ebook_info.asp?product_id=91422&piclist=19799,20141,20153 (accessed Nov 7, 2004).

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