

## INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

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Russell FD, Coppel AL. *In vitro* enzymatic processing of radiolabelled big ET-1 in human kidney as a food ingredient. *Biochem Pharmacol*. 1998;55:697-701.

*Books:*

Lodish H, Baltimore D, Berk A, Zipursky SL, Matsudaira P, Darnell J. *Molecular cell biology*. 3rd ed. New York: Scientific American; 1995.

*Chapter citation:*

Porter RJ, Meldrum BS. Antiepileptic drugs. In: Katzung BG, editor. *Basic and clinical pharmacology*. 6th ed. Norwalk, CN: Appleton and Lange; 1995. p. 361-380.

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