

How to update references in your library

! Make a back up of your EndNote library before doing major changes or imports to EndNote!

Article references may sometimes be published in different versions (e.g. "Online, First", "Ahead of Print", "Accepted Manuscript, Corrected Proof"). These references may miss some the bibliographical data (like volume and/or issue number and page numbers), that will be added later when they are published in the final version.

It is possible to have EndNote to try to update these kind of references if you have added one their earlier versions. It is safe to update references that have been used in a manuscript as this update only will add addition information to the bibliography (like missing volume and page numbers).

The screenshot shows the EndNote X8 interface. The 'References' menu is open, and the 'Find Reference Updates...' option is highlighted with a large blue '2'. In the reference list, one entry is highlighted with a blue background and a large blue '1' next to it. The reference text is: 'Vitamin C: Promises Not Kept', 'Vitamin C and Infections', 'Vitamin C for preventing and treating the com...', 'A combination of high-dose vitamin C plus zinc ...', and '[Not too eager prescribing vitamin C for the c...'. Below the list, the 'Reference' and 'Preview' tabs are visible, with the preview showing the full citation: '1. Maggini S, Beveridge S, Suter M. A combination of high-dose vitamin C plus zinc for the common cold. The Journal of international medical research. 2012;Ahead of Print.'

Highlight one or more references (1).

Reference → Find Reference Updates (2).

The screenshot shows the EndNote X8 interface with the 'Find Reference Updates...' dialog box open. The dialog box has a 'Ref' field and a 'Rat' field. The 'Ref' field contains the text 'Find Reference Updates...' and the 'Rat' field contains the text 'Find updated information for this reference from online databases.'. Below the dialog box, the reference details are visible: 'Author: Maggini, S., Beveridge, S., Suter, M.', 'Year: 2012', 'Title: A combination of high-dose vitamin C plus zinc for the common cold', 'Journal: J Int Med Res', and 'Volume: Ahead of Print'. A large blue '3' is positioned to the left of the dialog box.

You can also find a reference update when you have a reference in edit mode (3).

The available updates are shown on the left and highlighted in blue. "Update All Fields" copies every updated field from the Available Updates to My Reference, replacing anything already existing in the field(s) in My Reference. "Update Empty Fields" copies available updates only when the corresponding field in My Reference is blank. Text can also be manually copied and pasted into fields.

Available Updates

Rating	4
Author	Maggini, S. Beveridge, S. Suter, M.
Year	2012
Title	A combination of high-dose vitamin C plus zinc for the common cold
Journal	J Int Med Res
Volume	40
Issue	1
Pages	28-42
Start Page	
Epub Date	2012/03/21
Date	
Type of Article	

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- 5 Update Empty Fields ->
- 6 Edit Reference ->

My Reference

Rating	
Author	Maggini, S. Beveridge, S. Suter, M.
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Reference Type: Journal Article

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If EndNote discovers an update, you have the following updates (the updated reference is on the left side):

- Update the content of all fields by choosing «**Update All Fields**» (4). NB! This will delete data in the old version of the reference (like own keywords or comments), but it will not delete attached pdf files. The update will be saved automatically.
- Update only empty fields by choosing «**Update Empty Fields**» (5). The update will be saved automatically.
- Do a manual update by choosing «**Edit Reference**» (6) and add additional data from the updated version manually. Store the changes by choosing «**Save and Continue**» (7).