USER'S GUIDE

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SUBJECT SECTION

Each entry contains the following items:

1) original English title of article or the English translation of the title
2) first author (if more than one) or sole author
3) journal title abbreviation
4) date of issue (year, month, day)
5) volume number
6) issue, part, or supplement
7) inclusive pagination
8) the notation Eng. Abstr. for those non-English articles that provide an English abstract
9) an abbreviation indicating the language of the article, if other than English

Example of typical citations in the subject section are as follows:

ABDOMEN
Pathogenesis and rational of treatment of recurrent abdominal pain. Aiyathurai JEJ, et al. **Ann Acad Med Singapore** 1981 Oct;10(4):415-418

Each article is cited under one or more subject heading.

The non-English-language abbreviations are as follows:

Chi	**Chinese**
Ind	**Indonesian**
Jpn	**Japanese**
Mal	**Malay**
Tag	**Tagalog**
Tha	**Thai**

AUTHOR SECTION

References in the author section cite all authors' names, up to six authors for one title. These are followed by the title of the article, and then by the other bibliographic data as given in the subject section.

Complete citations are printed only under the first author's name; all other authors' names are cross-referenced to the full reference under the first author's name, as in the following citation:

Aiyathurai JEJ, Yip WCL, Wong HB, Sothy SP, Jacob E, Chio LF: Simple febrile convulsions - a transient viral encephalopathy. **J Singapore Paediatr Soc** 1985 ;27(3&4):194-199
Aiyathurai JEJ see **Dissanayake AS**
Aiyathurai JEJ see **Low PS**

Yip WCL see **Aiyathurai JEJ**
Yip WCL see **Chan KY**
Yip WCL see **EE B**

Abbreviations of months are as follows:

Jan	January
Feb	February
Mar	March
Apr	April
May	May
Jun	June
Jul	July
Aug	August
Sep	September
Oct	October
Nov	November
Dec	December

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