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# Making your Metadata Beautiful

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The British Library e-theses online service (EThOS)

# What is 'beautiful' metadata?

## “ACRC” ...

- **Accurate:** correct transcription; no duplication; no typos
- **Consistent:** same type of data recorded in the same place; data presented in the same way
- **Rich:** as much relevant data as possible, e.g. abstracts, identifiers, funder, supervisor
- **Current:** material available now needs to be discoverable now

# Benefits of beautiful (“ACRC”) metadata

- Optimises resource discovery – and increases usage
- Maximises workflow efficiencies
- Supports accurate and reliable statistics/metrics (e.g. number of theses awarded in the UK by institution, subject or date)
- Increases interoperability - allowing data from multiple sources to be combined

# Challenge 1- record sources

1. British Library catalogue records
2. University catalogue records
3. Institutional repository harvested records
4. BL Cataloguer created records
5. BL Imaging Team created records

# Challenge 2 - metadata formats

1. MARC Exchange Format (ISO 2709)
2. MARC XML
3. OAI\_DC XML
4. UKETD\_DC XML
5. RIOXX
6. Tab-delimited (Excel)

## Challenge 3 - skills/knowledge of the people creating metadata

1. Cataloguers
2. Students
3. Repository staff (managers, admin, clerical)

# Challenge 4 - processing and configuration of data storage and export

1. Programmers
2. Repository Managers
3. Administrative staff
4. EThOS Metadata Manager



# Challenge 5 - special characters/diacritics

1. Spelt out ('alpha')
2. UTF-8 character set
3. Local convention (e.g. ^ for superscript number)
4. Data represented in \$ strings
5. Characters omitted, garbled or replaced by ??

# All these challenges together can produce 'poor' metadata

- Character encoding (MARC-8 v. UTF-8)
- Typographical errors
- Scanned texts (machine error)
- Missing data (abstracts, subtitles, authors, language, subjects, qualification name)
- No standardisation (e.g. qualification name; author names; representation of words/symbols)
- Lack of identifiers
- Duplication

# Character encoding

- Web standard is UTF-8 (Unicode); MARC character set = MARC-8
- Software applications may not recognise 'foreign' character sets and will display as strange characters and/or question mark(s)
- Some characters are 'invalid' in XML (and some invalid characters are invisible, e.g. 'null'); web browsers will not display XML documents containing invalid characters
- Use of invalid characters impacts on resource discovery and display and, in some cases, can cause software failure

# Diacritics in title

**The University of  
Wales, Lampeter**



A study and edition of Ima#772;m Abd al-Azi#772;z  
b. Ali#772; b. al-Izz al-Baghda#772;di#772;  
al-Bakri#772; al-H#803;anbali#772;  
al-Maqdisi#772; Junnat  
al-S#803;a#772;biri#772;n al-Abra#772;r Wa  
Jannat al-Mutawakkili#772;n al-Akhya#772;r

**Author:** Al-Olabi, Adnan al-Hamwi  
**Awarding Institution:** The University of Wales, Lampeter  
**Current Institution:** The University of Wales Trinity Saint  
David  
**Awarded:** 2003



Thesis available for immediate download

**Advisor:** Not available  
**Qualification name:** PhD  
**EThOS Persistent ID:** uk.bl.ethos.503578

**Sponsor:**  
**Qualification Level:**

# Amended diacritics in title

<b>Title:</b>	<b>A study and edition of Imām Abd al-Azīz b. Alī b. al-Izz al-Baghdādī al-Bakrī al-Ḥanbalī al-Maqdisī Junnat al-Ṣābirīn al-Abrār Wa Jannat al-Mutawakkilīn al-Akhyār</b>		
<b>Author:</b>	Al-Olabi, Adnan al-Hamwi		
<b>Awarding Body:</b>	The University of Wales, Lampeter		
<b>Current Institution:</b>	University of Wales Trinity Saint David		
<b>Date of Award:</b>	2003		
<b>Availability of Full Text:</b>	Access through EThOS:  Thesis available for immediate download. Please login/register to view download & delivery options.		
<b>EThOS Persistent ID:</b>	uk.bl.ethos.503578		
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<b>Abstract:</b>	No abstract available		
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# Typographical errors (human)

Causes include:

- Focusing on quantity rather than quality due to work pressures/targets
- Lack of interest/boredom
- Seeing what you think you see (SWYTYTS) rather than what is actually there

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# The 'SWYTY'S' effect

special reference

specific reference

private

pirate

conservation

conversation

hypertensive

hypersensitive

isoform

inform

economic aspects

economic analysis

biochemical

biomechanical

experiential

experimental



# Title errors

Awarenees in ageing

Awareness in ageing

Efficient parallel genetic algorithms applied to numerical optimisation

Efficient Parallel Genetic Alogrithms Applied to Numerical Optimisation

The doll : the figure of the doll in culture and theory

The figure of the doll in culture and theory

# OCR errors (machine)

- Scanning texts is imperfect
- Special characters are often not recognised
- Words/sentences may be concatenated
- Review by humans is subject to the “SWYTYS” effect

# OCR errors in abstract

his dissertation is concerned primarily with interpreting D.H. Lawrence's poems, rather than with imposing onto his poetry a pre-conceived critical hypothesis. My method has been to start from the poetic texts and work outwards, producing a deliberately intensive reading of the poems, centred on Lawrence, and not a wide-ranging comparative study. Arising from this close examination of the verse itself, is a discussion of the relationship between Lawrence's art and his thought, which I consider further in a short introduction. It is a subject which I do not think has been discussed in relation to Lawrence's poetry before. Briefly, I find that it is the art, and specifically the poetry, which has primacy, and see Lawrence's development as one in which what are initially poetic formulations and artistic choices, are elevated to the level of conscious philosophic belief. I suggest how, in Lawrence's bad, sermonizing verse, this process of composition is reversed, and ideas forced back onto a poetry from which they derive. In my first chapter, I deal with Lawrence's early verse in such a way as to suggest how, in its materials and methods, later developments may be seen in embryo. Then in four chapters dealing with all Lawrence's major verse, I follow the different relationship between thought and poetry at different stages of Lawrence's career. My effort in each chapter is to bring out the distinctive character of each book of poems discussed, while having an eye also for the sort of continuity I see in the whole. At the end of my dissertation, I have included what is intended to be a complete catalogue of the criticism of Lawrence's poetry in English, arranged chronologically.

# Special characters (e.g. beta)

Many ways to write special characters:

- Spelt out (beta)
- Roman alphabet letter rather than Greek alphabet (b)
- Image rather than text ( $\beta$ )
- Character entity reference (&#946;)
- UTF-8 value ( $\beta$ )

# Encodings for Greek beta (fileformat.info)

HTML Entity (decimal)	&#946;
HTML Entity (hex)	&#x3b2;
<u>HTML Entity (named)</u>	&beta;
<u>How to type in Microsoft Windows</u>	Alt +3B2
<u>UTF-8 (hex)</u>	0xCE 0xB2 (ceb2)
UTF-8 (binary)	11001110:10110010
UTF-16 (hex)	0x03B2 (03b2)
UTF-16 (decimal)	946
UTF-32 (hex)	0x000003B2 (3b2)
UTF-32 (decimal)	946
C/C++/Java source code	"\u03B2"
Python source code	u"\u03B2"

[More...](#)

# Example of special character errors

## Title loaded to EThOS (from Aleph):

Growth and characterisation of terrace graded virtual substrates with  
 $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$  0.15  $\leq x \leq 1$

## Harvested title:

Growth and characterisation of terrace graded virtual substrates with Si[subscript  
 1-x]Ge[subscript x] 0.15 ? x ? 1

## Correct title (i.e. utf-8 values):

Growth and characterisation of terrace graded virtual substrates with  $\text{Si}_{1-x}\text{Ge}_x$   
 $0.15 \leq x \leq 1$

# How to create beautiful (ACRC) metadata

1. Quality control is essential
2. Combination of human and machine review
3. Software helps with the task

e.g. MARC Report

<http://www.marcofquality.com/soft/softindex.html>

# MARC Report/MARC Global

MARC Report can be used for:

- Checking errors (including invalid utf-8 characters)
- Creating a 'match key' and title list for de-duplication
- Converting data from XML to MARC and vice versa
- Lots of other applications!





# Data correction (errors highlighted)

The screenshot displays the MARC Report 2.41 application window. The main pane shows a MARC record for 'The effectiveness of low copy number DNA in criminal investigation'. The record is displayed in a table-like format with fields 000, 100, 245, 260, 502, 503, and 520. The 520 field contains a detailed abstract of the report. On the right side, a 'Brief Messages' panel is visible, listing several errors related to the record's structure and content. A red circle highlights this panel. The errors listed are:

- 000:10: Code 'F' is Invalid
- 000:11: Code 'F' is Invalid
- 000:20: Code 'F' is Invalid
- 000:21: Code 'F' is Invalid
- 000:22: Code 'F' is Invalid
- 000:23: Code 'F' is Invalid
- 008: Mandatory field missing.
- 100-01: Blank follows subfield \$q
- 245-01: Check Ind 2
- 507: needs ascending
- Multiple 520 fields
- Multiple 002 fields
- 058-01: Mandatory field missing.

The bottom of the window shows a status bar with fields like 'Session ID: 30718 01', 'DRS: Follow 0403e', 'ED Imp: Teesside 140410-140717.mru', and 'Profile: OA Theores.m'

# Unicode errors: Invalid Greek letter

MARC Report 2.41 -- Application of population pharmacokinetic-pharmacodynamic modelling to evaluate and optimise aminoglycoside therapy in patients with cystic fibrosis

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Record 26 of 115 Modified Message Count: 1 Messages cancelled: 5

MARC

520 3

βCystic fibrosis (CF) is an inherited autosomal recessive disorder that is characterised by frequent lung infections commonly caused by *P. aeruginosa*. The standard treatment for this infection is an aminoglycoside combined with a β-lactam and patients often receive multiple courses of these antibiotics over many years. Aminoglycosides are narrow therapeutic index drugs where the margin between safety and toxicity is small. Therefore, it is important to monitor patients who are on aminoglycosides to ensure safety and efficacy of therapy and advise on current and future dosage regimens. The focus of this thesis was to use population pharmacokinetic methodologies to examine how aminoglycoside pharmacokinetic parameters change over time in this group of patients and to develop and evaluate dosing regimens and data interpretation methods. A population pharmacokinetic analysis was first conducted using the package NONMEM with the FOCE (parametric) algorithm. Aminoglycoside concentration-time profiles were available from 166 patients treated within the Glasgow Cystic Fibrosis Unit and comprised 1075 courses of therapy and 2238 concentration measurements collected over 15 years. The final, two compartment, population model identified an influence of height and creatinine clearance on clearance and height on volume of distribution of the central compartment. Inclusion of these descriptors reduced between subject variability from 23% to 18% for clearance and 14% to 12% for volume of distribution of the central compartment. Within-subject variability was low at 11%, and there were no changes in aminoglycoside clearance over time. Internal validation of the population model using bootstrap, prediction corrected visual predictive check and normalised prediction distribution errors indicated that this model was stable and with good predictive ability. In addition, an external model evaluation was conducted using data from The Hague that comprised tobramycin concentration measurements from 165 patients who received 115 courses of therapy. The results of this analysis indicated good performance of the model in predicting pharmacokinetic parameters and concentrations in another group of patients with cystic fibrosis. The combined Glasgow and The Hague datasets were subsequently analysed using a non-parametric approach with the software Rmetrics (Neely MN et al., 2012). In total, data from 331 patients with 1490 courses of therapy and 3690 aminoglycoside concentration measurements were analysed. Despite the different assumptions of the two methods, the final models were the same and the final parameter estimates were very similar. The standard dose of aminoglycoside used in patients with cystic fibrosis is 10 mg/kg administered once daily. The typical daily area under the concentration-time curve (AUC) arising from this dose was determined using pharmacokinetic parameter estimates reported in the TOPIC study (Smyth A et al., 2005) and by examining the raw data from patients within The Hague dataset who received this dosage regimen. The results of this analysis led to a target daily AUC of 106 mg.h/L (range 80-120 mg.h/L). A simulated dataset of 5000 patients was created with clinical characteristics based on patients with cystic fibrosis from Glasgow and The Hague. The final population model was then used to estimate pharmacokinetic parameters and to predict concentrations at defined time points according to the standard dose of 10 mg/kg/day and three alternative regimens (13 mg/kg/day lean body weight, 3 mg/cm/day and 326 mg/m2/day). It was found that the dose based on height (3mg/cm/day) had the highest probability of achieving the combined targets of daily AUC range, peak concentrations of 20-30 mg/L and trough concentrations < 1 mg/L for standard "once daily" aminoglycoside

Brief Messages

520 01: Invalid character (xLF)

Find Next 520: Invalid character (xLF)

Notes

The 520 contains a character (ASCII value xLF at pos: 230 in the field) that is not a valid character for the 520 field. Note that a legitimate MARC 8 character can trigger this message if the Leader09 position is coded incorrectly

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Session ID: S0715\_21 DRS: Follow 0403a Editing: Strathclyde\_140213\_140714\_p6.mrc Profile: CAITheses.m

# Unicode errors: Invalid maths symbol

MARC Report 2.41 -- Development of a non-ionic surfactant vesicles formulation of gemcitabine for pulmonary delivery

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MARC	Text view	Field list	Related	Labelled view	UNIMARC
000					03352 am a22001937u 4500
005					20140715163152.0
008					100922s2013 xxk obm 000 0 eng
041					#aeng
100	1				#aAl-Gawhari, Fatima Jalal
245	1 0				#aDevelopment of a non-ionic surfactant vesicles formulation of gemcitabine for pulmonary delivery
260					#bUniversity of Strathclyde:2013
520	3				#aLung cancer is a major cause of death in the world. Cancer chemotherapy is limited by adverse toxicities to normal tissues. Targeted delivery of anticancer drugs to lung cancer by inhalation would help to reduce these toxicities. Lipid based delivery systems have been shown to be effective in improving the delivery of a number of drugs and the potential of using non-ionic surfactant vesicles (NIV) to improve the delivery of Gemcitabine (Gem) was studied in this project. NIV were used to encapsulate Gem (Gem-NIV) for delivery by the pulmonary route. NIV were prepared using different concentrations of lipid (30, 60 and 150 mM) and characterised on the basis of size, drug entrapment efficiency and zeta potential. In vitro pulmonary delivery of Gem-NIV was compared with Gem solution using a multistage liquid impinger (MSLI). In vivo pulmonary delivery of Gem-NIV was also compared with Gem solution using two rodent models (Sprague-Dawley rats and BALB/c mice). The cytotoxicity of Gem formulations was assessed in in vitro studies using the B16-F0 luciferase melanoma cell line and in in vivo studies using lung cancer bearing BALB/c mice. Gem-NIV composed of 60 mM lipid exhibited the highest entrapment efficacy (80 [1] 2%), nebulization efficiency (97 [1] 6%) and physicochemical stability over a three-month period. Gem-NIV (60mM) were more effective at reaching the lower stages of the MSLI compared to Gem solution with significantly ( $P < 0.01$ ) greater amounts of the drug being present in stage 1 and 2 of the MSLI, whereas Gem solution had a higher deposition in the mouth piece ( $P < 0.01$ ). In vivo drug delivery studies showed that there was a greater accumulation of Gem in the lungs of rats when administered as a NIV formulation prepared with 30 or 60 mM lipid at a dose of Gem of 15 or 6 mg/kg in comparison with free drug treatment. In lung cancer bearing mice, the Gem lung level was higher for Gem-NIV (60 mM) treated mice at dose 14 mg/ml (0.5ml) compared with the same dose of Gem solution. Gem-NIV prepared with 60 mM lipid were significantly ( $P < 0.01$ ) more cytotoxic (IC50 0.87 [±] 0.01 mg/ml) than Gem solution (IC50 4.45 [1] 0.03 mg/ml) against the B16 F0 cell line. In this study, male mice had a significantly ( $P < 0.05$ ) higher severity of lung cancer than female mice according to lung weight data. On treatment with Gem-NIV (60 mM), a dose of 7 mg/ml was more effective in reducing the tumour burden in lungs than Gem solution in male BALB/c mice. The results of these studies indicate that Gem-NIV show significant potential to improve delivery of Gem for the treatment of lung
502					#aThesis (Ph.D.)
503					#aDoctoral
655	4				#aThesis

Save Undo Delete Jump To: MR Filter Clear

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Brief Messages

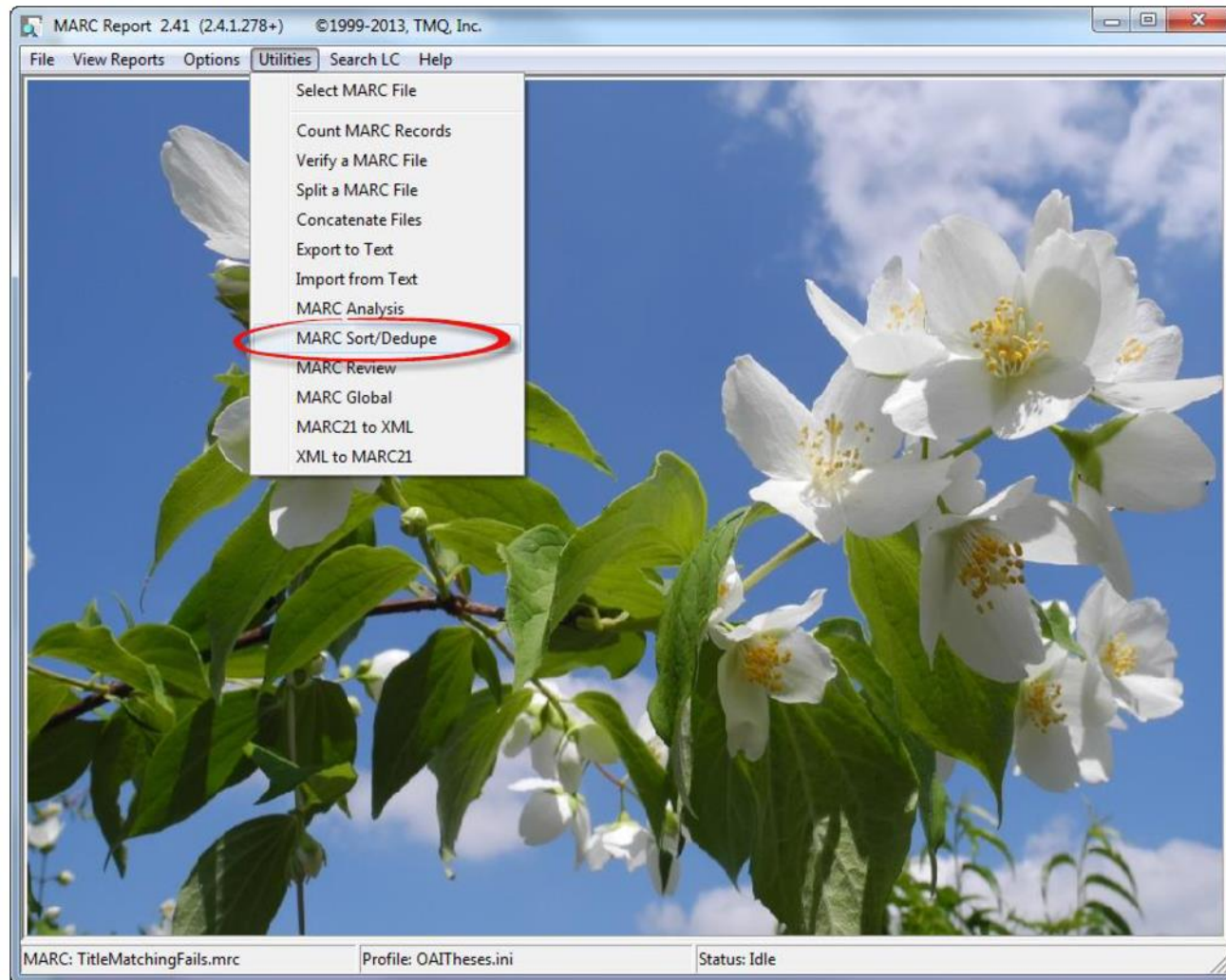
520: 01: Invalid character (x01)

Find Next 520: Invalid character (x01)

Notes

The 520 contains a character (ASCII value x01 at position 1225 in the field) that is not a valid MARC character. Note that a legitimate MARC character can trigger this message if the Leader09 position is coded incorrectly.

# Deduplication



# Deduplication

- Using MARC Report Sort/deduplication - create a 'match key' that excludes punctuation, spacing, and diacritics.
- Author match on surname only (due to differences in recording forenames) and sort by title match key



# Author match title list

RSN	852 j	245 ahnpb	100 a
1	\$j446687	\$aAn investigation into the Longitudinal Rolling of Tubes Through Two grooved Rolls	\$aAbdel-Haleem, A. M. S.
2	\$j544618	\$aAn investigation into the longitudinal rolling of tubes through two grooved rolls	\$aAbdel-Haleem, Abdel R. M. S.
3	\$j236625	\$aAn investigation of the emerging system of host governmental participation in the international oil industry with part	\$aAbozrida, M. A.
4	\$j544958	\$aAn investigation of the emerging system of host government participation in the international oil industry with partic	\$aAbozrida, Mokhtar A.
5	\$j294603	\$aThe polymerisation of lactic acid anhydrosulphite by anionic initiators	\$aAdams, Luke Richard
6	\$j544709	\$aThe polymerization of lactic acid anhydrosulphite by anionic initiators	\$aAdams, L. R.
7	\$j545069	\$aThe antigenic composition of Streptococcus faecalis associated with ineffective endocarditis	\$aAitchison, Eileen J.
8	\$j381964	\$aThe antigenic composition of Streptococcus faecalis associated with infective endocarditis	\$aAitchison, E. J.
9	\$j544866	\$aThe mechanisms of sulfur-containing metal complexes as UV-stabilisers	\$aAl-Malaika, Sahar N.
10	\$j344200	\$aThe mechanisms of sulphur-containing metal complexes as UV-stabilisers	\$aAl-Malaika, S. N.
11	\$j544883	\$aBound antioxidants in elastomers	\$aAl-Mehdawe, Mohammed S. A.
12	\$j237120	\$aBound antioxidants in electromers	\$aAl-Mehdawe, M. S. A.
13	\$j544770	\$aTheoretical studies of the mid-latitude ionosphere	\$aAl-Naghmoosh, Ali A.
14	\$j237163	\$aTheroetical studies of the mid-latitude ionosphere	\$aAl-Naghmoosh, A. A.
15	\$j312001	\$aStudies on the thermal decomposition behavior, kinetics and electrical conductivity of the non-isothermal decomp	\$aAl-Sousi, Ghareeb Nemir
16	\$j544689	\$aStudies on the thermal decomposition behaviour, kinetics and electrical conductivity of the non-isothermal decomp	\$aAl-Sousi, Ghareeb N.
17	\$j307367	\$aBlock co-polymerization by transformation actions	\$aAmass, Dorothy Gwendoline
18	\$j544697	\$aBlock co-polymerization by transformation reactions	\$aAmass, Dorothy G.
19	\$j235168	\$aThe effect of growth conditions on #beta#-lactam resistance in Enterobacter cloacae	\$aAnderson, E. M.
20	\$j545046	\$aThe effect of growth conditions on B-lactam resistance in Enterobacter cloacae	\$aAnderson, Elaine M.
21	\$j544757	\$aThe effects of a dietary bacterial protein on mineral balance in rainbow trout (S. gairdneri Rich.)	\$aAnglesea, Jonathan D.
22	\$j331907	\$aThe effects of a dietary bacterial protein on mineral balance in rainbow trout (S. garidneri Rich.)	\$aAnglesea, J. D.
23	\$j237483	\$aA study of the scatetring of fast neutrons in large samples	\$aAnvarian, S. P. T.
24	\$j544965	\$aA study of the scattering of fast neutrons in large samples	\$aAnvarian, Sattar P. T.
25	\$j378554	\$aPhysicochemical characteristics of chlorofluorocarbon based inhalation aerosols	\$aAshurst, I. C.
26	\$j545065	\$aPhysicochemical characteristics of chlorofluorohydrocarbon based inhalation aerosols	\$aAshurst, Ian C.
27	\$j237582	\$aAtimulus-mitosis in the rat thymic lymphocyte	\$aAtkinson, M. J.
28	\$j544756	\$aStimulus-mitosis coupling in the rat thymic lymphocyte	\$aAtkinson, Michael J.
29	\$j331325	\$aDesign of corporate planning systems	\$aBahrami, H.
30	\$j544956	\$aDesign of corporate planning systems : development of a 'design framework' and its application to a specific sett	\$aBahrami, Homa
31	\$j253713	\$aThe effects of persistent anticholinesterase action at the neuromuscular junction	\$aBamforth, John Philip
32	\$j545074	\$aThe effects of persistent articholinesterase action at the neuromuscular junction	\$aBamforth, John P.
33	\$j448845	\$aNap linear oil film force coefficients for a journal bearing operating under aligned and misaligned conditions	\$aBannister, D. H.

# Top 10 tips for metadata creation

1. Ensure accurate transcription
2. Use controlled vocabularies / standardised data entry
3. Use full names for authors, with correct entry element
4. Use the UTF-8 (Unicode) character set; avoid html markup, especially in the title:

Preparation of h<sup>3</sup>-allylmolybdenum complexes using *cis*-Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>

5. Use sentence casing not ALL CAPS:  
CodeZebraOS (CODEZEBRAOS)  
GaAs (GAAS)  
MARS (Mars)

# Top 10 tips for metadata creation

6. Use correct punctuation and spacing:

I like cooking my family and my pets

I like cooking, my family, and my pets

7. Subject classify all theses
8. Always review OCR'd text
9. Use identifiers where possible
10. Use repeated fields for data of the same type (e.g. subject keywords, multiple authors)



# Test !

- A
- C
- R
- C

# Test !

- **Accurate**
- **C**
- **R**
- **C**

# Test !

- **Accurate**
- **Consistent**
- **R**
- **C**

# Test !

- **Accurate**
- **Consistent**
- **Rich**
- **C**

# Test !

- **Accurate**
- **Consistent**
- **Rich**
- **Current**

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