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3. *multi-authors books*: SMITH J., 1965. *Characterization of a roman rose*. In: Brown (ed.) Ancient Roses. Publ. N. 11, Academic Press Ltd., London: 441-3.
4. *proceedings*: Johnson A., Williams R, 1998. . *How writing the references*. Proc. 4th Int. Cong. Bibliography., Viareggio (Italia), 26: 44-6.
5. *thesis*: BIANCHI F., 1999. *Roman garden*. Degr. Diss., Università di Bolzano
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