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Sri Lanka Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology invites original articles related to the field of obstetrics and gynaecology for publication in the Journal. The articles may include original papers (maximum 3000 words), case reports and brief communications (maximum 1000 words), reviews relevant to practice (maximum 2500 words) and correspondence (maximum 400 words). All material submitted is subject to peer review by members of the editorial board and a specialist reviewer where indicated.

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Journal article

1. Hammond CB, Weed Jr JC, Currie JL. The role of operation in the current therapy of gestational trophoblastic disease. *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 1980; **136**: 844-858.

Book

- A) Editor, compiler, chairman as author

1. Reid DE, Ryan KJ, Benirschke K, eds. Principles and Management of Human Reproduction. 1st ed. Philadelphia. London. Toronto: WB Saunders, 1972; 56-57.

B) Chapter in book

1. Zamecnik J. Concentration of thromboxane B2 in the rat. In: Samuelsson B, Ramwell P, eds. Advances in Prostaglandin Research. New York: Raven Press, 1980; **8**: 23-24.

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