Guide to reading primary literature

1. Read the article in its entirety.
2. Be able to refer to the article by author (short-form) and year: e.g., Banack et al. (2006).
3. Be able to recall the journal that the article appeared in: e.g., Journal of Ethnopharmacology.
4. Make note of the species(s) studied and of the general aspects of the methods.
5. List the conclusions and be able to cite the evidence supporting each conclusion.
6. Be familiar with the components and purpose of each table and figure presented by the authors.