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Nobody knows why institutions still force you to compress references and make them smaller font in order to fit on a page. Some institutions have come around to excluding references in page limits, but for those that haven't, there is this bst file. That's a lot of citations in a small space! (Akins et al., 2023; Allison et al., 1991; Arras et al., 2021; Atreya et al., 2020; Aurnou et al., 2007; Beebe, 2005; Brogan et al., 2018; Lellouch et al., 2007; Sherjal, 1995; Esposito et al., 1991; Loring et al., 2021)!

Hopefully the in-line comments are clear in both this file and in the .bst file, which I modified from apalike.bst. Big thanks to Yasmeen Asali for sharing that she had hacked .bst files for similar purposes before.

Not everything works perfectly yet; something should be done about e.g. conference proceedings like (Thatte et al., 2015) but I didn't want to deal with it.

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