1   Step 1

First we edit our original citation style language file "springer-basic-brackets.csl" to use a sorting order with no key.

To do so on line 77 we insert:

```
<!-- begin add sort -->
<sort>
  <key/>
</sort>
<!-- end add sort -->
```

Then we save the file as "springer-basic-brackets-1.csl" and update our yaml with

```
csl: springer-basic-brackets-1.csl
```

2   Step 2

Then we make sure to include the following in our yaml:

```
nocite: '@*'
```

3   Step 3

Then we are able to cite as desired:

- all references in our bibliography file "references.bib" will be included
- our bibliography will mirror the order of references in "references.bib"
- our in-text citations will point to the correct bibliography entry
- other than bibliography order we will continue to follow the springer basic style

4   Example

First we cite Item 4 [4]. **Item 4** will appear **last** in our bibliography because it appears last in our bibliography file.

Then we do not cite Item 1. Although Item 1 is not cited, it will still appear in our bibliogrpahy due to the yaml `nocite`, and although Item 4 was previously cited, **Item 1** will appear **first** in our bibliography because it appears first in our bibliography file.

Then we choose to cite Item 2 [3]. However, **Item 2** will appear **third** in our bibliography to match the order of appearance in our bibliography file.

We will not cite Item 3. However, **Item 3** will be included in our bibliography due to our yaml `nocite` and will appear **second** due to the order of our bibliography file.

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