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- just below the abstract full and actual PACS Index numbers should be given;
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— For a book:

[3] P.G. de Gennes, J. Prost, *The Physics of Liquid Crystals*, Oxford Sci. Pub., Oxford 1993.

— For an unpublished paper:

[4] L. Gondek, Ph.D. Thesis, Jagiellonian University, Kraków 2004.

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