What is a DOI?

A digital object identifier or DOI is sometimes added to an article by a publisher. It is a unique identifying number that remains with the article even if the URL changes. A DOI can usually be found near the copyright notice at the bottom of the first page of an electronic article or, in a database, in the publication information for the article. MLA uses the format doi:10.1037/drm0000021, i.e. it only includes the numbers and letters, not http://dx.doi.org/

Here is an example in a database:

Population: Human
Female

Location: Finland

Age Group: Adolescence (18 yrs & older)


Methodology: Clinical Case Study

Format Covered: Electronic

Publication Type: Journal, Peer Reviewed Journal

Document Type: Journal Article

Release Date: 20160324

Copyright: American Psychological Association 2016

Digital Object Identifier: http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/drm0000021