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## Download/Link to GeneReviews

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## URLs

The data file **GRtitle\_shortcode\_NBKId.txt** includes four fields: **GR\_shortcode**, **GR\_title**, **NBK\_id**, and **PMID**. Links to *GeneReviews* on Bookshelf can be constructed using the values for **GR\_shortcode** or **NBK\_id**.

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4. Select the text file.
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Note: The *GeneReviews* data files are updated weekly.

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