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Example: Though HPLC techniques are the standard for assessing 25OH-D in laboratories, commercially-available automated immunoassays also offer reliable measures (Lippi et al., 2015).

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Example: Though HPLC techniques are the standard for assessing 25OH-D in laboratories, commercially-available automated immunoassays also offer reliable measures.¹

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Journal Reference (p. 291)

Author(s). Title of Article. *Journal Title Abbreviation* **Year**. *Volume*:pages.

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Lippi, G.; Salvagno, G. L.; Fortunato, A.; Dipalo, M.; Aloe, R.; Da Rin, G.; Giavarina, D. Multicenter Comparison of Seven 25OH Vitamin D Automated Immunoassays. *J. Med. Biochem.* **2015** *34*, 344-350.

Book Reference (p. 300)

Author(s). *Book Title*, edition number; Publisher: Place of Publication, Year.

Shapiro, B. S. *How To Clone a Mammoth: The Science of De-extinction*; Princeton University Press: Princeton, NJ, 2015.

Web Page Citation (CSE, 29.3.7.13)

Author (if given). Title of Site. URL (accessed Month Day, Year).

Top ten Ebola Response Planning Tips: Ebola Readiness Self-Assessment for State and Local Public Health Officials. <http://www.cdc.gov/vhf/ebola/outbreaks/preparedness/planning-tips-top10.html> (accessed August 19, 2015).

Material Safety Data Sheet Citation (p. 315)

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