Reference Quiz
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Directions: Edit the following references based on the information outlined in chapter 3 of the *AMA Manual of Style*.


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   **Editor’s Note:** When the digital object identifier (DOI) is provided, it is preferable to cite it rather than the URL. In addition, no accessed date is required for the DOI, making it the last item in the reference ([§3.15.1, Online Journals, p 65 in print]). To find a DOI, search CrossRef’s free text query ([http://www.crossref.org/freeTextQuery/](http://www.crossref.org/freeTextQuery/)), which locates DOIs for references input as simple text. Note, however, that not all journals submit DOIs to CrossRef, so if no DOI is returned, it does not mean that one does not exist. Another option is to use the click-through link on PubMed’s Web site. When you find a match for the article on PubMed, you will often see a link at the top right of the page to the article on the publisher’s Web site, and the DOI should appear there. To verify that a DOI is correct, copy and paste the DOI after this URL, [http://dx.doi.org/](http://dx.doi.org/) (eg, [http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.siny.2005.11.007](http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.siny.2005.11.007)), or bookmark the DOI URL ([http://dx.doi.org/](http://dx.doi.org/)) and then copy and paste the DOI in the box on that Web page.

**ANSWER:**
Kovacs M. *Children’s Depression Inventory (CDI)*. Toronto, ON: Multi-Health Systems Inc; 1992.

**Editor’s Note:** Use 2-letter abbreviations for state and Canadian province names in addresses (with US zip codes and Canadian postal codes) and in reference lists (eg, location of book publishers) but not in the text (§14.5, Cities, States, Counties, Territories, Possessions; Provinces; Countries, p 451 in print).

4. Lloyd C, Tse S, Deane FP. Community participation and social inclusion: how practitioners can make a difference. *Australian e-Journal Advancement Mental Health (AeJAMH).* 2006;5(3).

**ANSWER:**

**Editor’s Note:** Not all online journal names are indexed by PubMed. If an online journal name cannot be found in the PubMed Journals database (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/entrez?db=journals), abbreviate the journal name using National Library of Medicine abbreviations (§14.10, Abbreviations, Names of Journals, p 64 in print).


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**Editor’s Note:** If the subtitle is numbered, as is common when articles in a series have the same title but different—numbered—subtitles, use a comma after the title, followed by a roman numeral immediately preceding the colon even if it appears differently in PubMed (§3.10, Subtitles, p 47 in print).

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**Editor’s Note:** According to the National Library of Medicine Fact Sheet on “Errata, Retractions, Partial Retractions, Corrected and Republished Articles, Duplicate Publications, Comments (including Author Replies), Updates, Patient Summaries, and Republished (Reprinted) Articles Policy for MEDLINE®” ([http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/errata.html](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/pubs/factsheets/errata.html)), “If the correction involves text or information that is part of the corresponding NLM citation, such as the author, title or abstract, then NLM will update its citation to the corrected form of the text or information, and will indicate in some manner that data within one of the citation fields has been corrected.” JAMA and the Archives Journals use the above format to identify corrections but will retain the use of “[correction of ____]” as recommended by the National Library of Medicine.


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**Editor’s Note:** This is the proper formatting of references to items presented at a meeting but not yet published. If this abstract were published by the American Society of Clinical Oncology in a conference proceedings monograph, it would take the following form:

**ANSWER:**

**Editor’s Note:** Newspaper names are not abbreviated (§3.13.1, Newspapers, p 57 in print).


**ANSWER:**

**Editor’s Note:** Federal regulations are published in the Federal Register and then codified in the Code of Federal Regulations. These references to the Federal Register are now treated as journal references (§3.16.3, Legislative Materials, p 76 in print).


**ANSWER:**

**Editor’s Note:** See examples of formatting for references published ahead of print in the AMA Manual of Style (§3.15.1, Online Journals, p 67 in print). In many cases the DOI can be discovered through PubMed (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed) using a link to the article on the publisher’s Web site.


**ANSWER:**

**Editor’s Note:** Mention of special or theme issues should appear in parentheses after the year of publication or issue number (§3.11.7, Special or Theme Issue, p 49 in print).

**ANSWER:**

**Editor’s Note:** In the place of publication (but not the author name), Department should be abbreviated to Dept (§3.13.2, Government or Agency Bulletins, p 57 in print).


**ANSWER:**

**Editor’s Note:** The *AMA Manual of Style* no longer recommends the use of the phrase “Available at:” before the URL.


**ANSWER:**

**Editor’s Note:** See examples of formatting for retractions in the *AMA Manual of Style* (§3.11.14, Retractions, p 52 in print).
15. SPSS Inc. SPSS Computer Program, version 16.0. Chicago, IL: SPSS Inc; 1990.

**ANSWER:**
SPSS Inc. SPSS [computer program]. Version 16.0. Chicago, IL: SPSS Inc; 1990.

**Editor's Note:** See examples of formatting for software in the AMA Manual of Style (§3.15.6, Software, p 70 in print). Software need not be cited in the reference list if it is mentioned only in passing or is available without charge via the Internet (e.g., shareware or freeware).