References Quiz
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**ANSWER KEY**

**Directions:** Edit the following references based on the information outlined in chapter 3 of the *AMA Manual of Style*. For further explanation of the correct answers, refer to the cited section of the *AMA Manual of Style*.


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

**Editor’s Note:** This edition of the *AMA Manual of Style* no longer recommends including the publisher’s location for several reasons: many publishers have more than 1 location and determining which location is appropriate to include can be challenging; location can be difficult to determine if looking at an online resource (eg, an e-book); and publisher location is not a necessary piece of information in retrieving the reference (§3.12.1, Complete Data).


**Editor’s Note:** If the reference citation is to an article with a published correction, citing the article as usual is probably sufficient (§3.11.14, Corrections). The correction will be linked online and a note in the Acknowledgment should alert readers to the changes.


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**ANSWER:** Attia J, Ioannidis JPA, Thakkinstian A, et al. How to use an article about genetic association, C: what are the results and will they help me in caring for my patients? *JAMA*. 2009;301(3):304-308. doi:https://doi.org/10.1001/jama.2008.993

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Editor’s Note: See examples of formatting for retractions in the AMA Manual of Style (§3.11.15, Retractions and Expressions of Concern).


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