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### Title Page

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Number references in the order cited as Arabic numerals in parentheses on the line.

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### Journal articles references sample

Zargar SA, Javid G, Khan BA, Yattoo GN, Shah AH, Gulzar GM, Singh J, et al. Endoscopic ligation compared with sclerotherapy for bleeding esophageal varices in children with extrahepatic portal venous obstruction. *Hepatology* 2002;36(3):666-672.

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