

Announcement

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Three examples follow:

¹Green AB, Brown CD, Grey EF. A new method of measuring the blood glucose. *Ann Rheum Dis* 1980; **64**: 27-32.

²Green AB, Brown CD. *Textbook of Medicine*. London: Silver Books, 1980.

³Grey EF. Diseases of the pancreas. In: Green AB, Brown CD, eds. *Textbook of Medicine*. London: Silver Books, 1980: 349-62.

This journal will change to the numerical system from January 1980 and authors submitting papers are asked to adopt it now in order to facilitate editing.

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Erratum

We apologise for the fact that on page 257 of the August 1979 issue of the Journal Figure 4 of the article by Bernstein *et al.* was printed upside down.