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The Editorial Board wish also to draw authors’ attention to changes in the guidelines. These include the reference system for review articles which will change to using the system where references are numbered as cited in the text, rather than our previous use of numbering all references alphabetically. We will also change from the use of Keywords to the use of MESH keywords. These can be found at http://www.nlm.nih.gov/mesh/. Please note that UK English spelling will be used for these. These changes will apply to all articles submitted after January 1, 2010.

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