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2. Selections, annotated by experts, of the most interesting papers from the great wealth of original publications.
3. Comprehensive bibliographic listings from the major journals for the field.

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Every study mentioned in the text must be accompanied by a relevant reference.

References cited in figures or tables must be numbered in sequence, according to the position of the first text citation of the figure or table.

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