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*Content:*

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<sup>1</sup> *Scientific Style and Format: The CBE Manual for Authors, Editors, and Publishers*, 6th ed. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1994.