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$$Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \beta_3 X_3 \quad (1)$$

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The references should be listed in alphabetical order at the end of the paper. Use one blank line to separate references. Some examples are shown below. Only references cited in the paper should be included. It is preferable that papers contain a list of references. If this is not possible due to page limitation, the phrase "References are available upon request from [author's name]." should be used.

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Name, Initials, and Name, Initials. (year) Title of Article. *Journal Name*, Volume (Issue), pages.

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