References in AMA are quite similar to those in APA in terms of their structure. This style mainly differs from other common styles, such as APA or MLA, through its in-text citations, which use superscripts, and the order in which references are organized.

In-text Citations

- References are cited in numerical order through superscript Arabic numerals (“7” instead of “VII”)
- Superscripts are placed outside periods and commas
  - Ex: “Although exposure to instrumental music yielded far more consistent results in terms of recovery time, exposure to music with upbeat lyrics did demonstrate the fastest recovery time overall.”
- Place superscripts inside colons and semicolons
  - Ex: “The study yielded the following result: instrumental music more consistently affected recovery times.”
- For using multiple sources in a single in-text citation:
  - References in sequence can be joined by a hyphen
    - Ex: for 2,3,4,5,6 (2-6)
  - References out of sequence should be separated by a comma
    - Ex: for 3,5,6,7,8,12 (3, 5-8, 12)
- Avoid using a superscript after a number or abbreviated unit of measurement
  - Ex: Avoid: This study included an experimental cohort of 5712 patients.
    Instead: This study included an experimental cohort of 57 patients.
    Avoid: The optimal exposure time for lyrical music was 30 min9.
    Instead: The optimal exposure time for lyrical music was 120 min.
- When enough superscripts are used to create a gap in the text (typically 20 characters or more, including spaces and punctuation) then use an asterisk and list the reference numbers in a footnote
  - Ex: The results revealed that specialist administered music therapy could reduce length of stays in recovery wards by up to 2 weeks*
    In the footnote: *References 1, 3, 4, 7-9, 12, 14, 15, 20, 24, 30, 35
  - If this needs to be done more than once, use an asterisk (*) for the first set of references, a dagger (†) for the second, and double dagger (‡) for the third instance
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Note: Unlike other common citation styles that alphabetize their reference lists, like APA or MLA, AMA organizes references numerically in the order they appeared in the paper.

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