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For Microbiology

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*Example 1:* The infection characteristically dissect vertebrae anterolaterally and produces abscesses.¹

*Example 2:* Genetic susceptibility to spinal tuberculosis has been demonstrated.²₅

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- **Numbering Citations**: List items numerically in the order they are cited in the text.

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