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Frumin AM, Nussbaum J, Esposito M (1979) Functional asplenia: demonstration of splenic activity by bone marrow scan (Abstract). *Blood* **54** (Suppl. 1), 26a.

#### Books and other monographs

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Gutmann JL, Harrison JW (1991) *Surgical Endodontics*, 1st edn. Boston, MA, USA: Blackwell Scientific Publications.

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Key words: Canal shape, simulated canals, nickel-titanium, rotary instruments, aberrations.

Running title: Shaping ability of Quantec SC instruments

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