

**Things to Consider  
for  
“Point-of-Care Glucose Meters vs. Centralized Laboratory Serum Testing  
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1. Public-health data should be the latest available, so try the website of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/pdf/ndfs\\_2007.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/pubs/pdf/ndfs_2007.pdf). This site gives 18 (not 17) million individuals as diagnosed with diabetes and a projected 6 million more who are undiagnosed but believed to have diabetes. The article citation is from 2004.
2. Identify the federal standard for POC glucose measurements compared to same specimen assessed in central lab. Go to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) website. Readers can readily go online so references that are available and cited are much appreciated (e.g., U.S. FDA. Diabetes Information:Glucose meters and diabetes management. Available at: [www.fda.gov/diabetes/glucose/html](http://www.fda.gov/diabetes/glucose/html)
3. See if you can find in the literature a highly regarded journal (preferably available on the Internet) that has a recent article on this topic that might be useful to readers (e.g. editorial found in *Mayo Clinic Proceedings*. April 2008, Vol. 83, No.4, pp: 394-397)
4. Tables are helpful to readers — check out the one in the *Mayo Clinic Proceedings* article on p. 395. Can you adapt this or create something like it to strengthen your article?
5. Abbreviate point-of-care (POC) or POC testing (POCT) after the first use. This is typical in scholarly papers.
6. Check with the publication to which you want to contribute to learn what format it uses for references: APA, MLA, AMA. All are similar, but it is more efficient to use the format that the publication uses. The references in this paper are a mix of APA and AMA.
7. Use a spellchecker, and carefully re-read your article prior to submission. Better yet, have someone else read it for you. You might even try reading it backwards to catch any possible spelling errors; reading backwards makes your eyes have to focus on each word. Best to spend your time prior to submission than to have errors published with your byline!