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There is no strict rule of the border between references coded under REFERENCE and REL-REF. **LEXFOR explains that**

All bibliographic references which contain information of importance directly relating to the data compiled in EXFOR ... may be coded under the keyword REFERENCE. ... Other related reference must not be coded under this keyword, but may be coded under the keyword REL-REF or MONIT-REF.

We would propose to change this part as follows:

All bibliographic references which contain the preliminary or revised data compiled in EXFOR ... may be coded under the keyword REFERENCE. ... Other related reference must not be coded under this keyword, but may be coded under the keyword REL-REF or MONIT-REF.

Then, the current related reference codes defined in the dictionary 17 are insufficient if compilers want to use REL-REF for references which give **additional** explanation to the numerical data in the entry (e.g. experimental instrumentation, method and analysis for derivation of experimental data in the entry, theoretical analysis of the experimental data in the entry).

We would propose the following new related reference code:

Dictionary 17 (Related reference codes)

I	(Reference to experimental instruments) General description of facility, detector etc.
M	(Reference to experimental technique) General description of method, analysis etc.

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