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## **CHAPTER 1**

### **INTRODUCTION**

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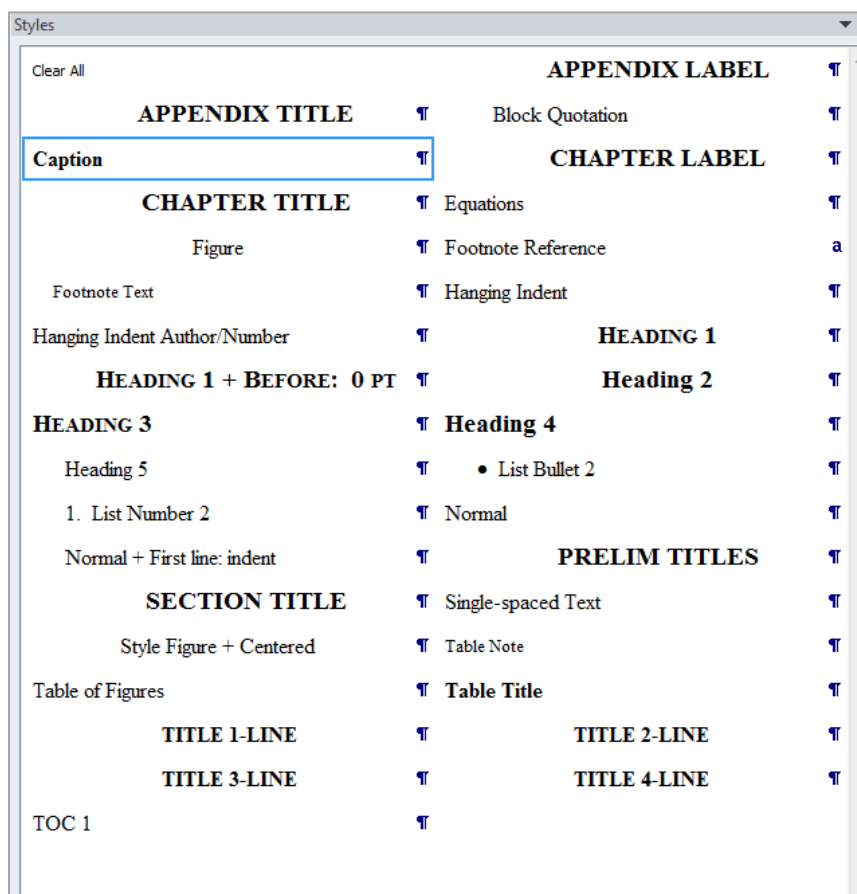
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Sample Location	# of Samples	Type of Fungi	Relative Humidity, Temperature	Sampling Time
Environmental Chamber	40	<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	50%, 25°C	3 minutes

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