

Supplementary Material for “Are disruptive papers more likely to impact technology and society?”

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Table S1. Description of the variables

Type	Variables	Description/Definition	Sources/References
Dependent variable	P (Patent)	The probability of papers cited by the patented inventions	USTPO, Marx and Fuegi (2022)
	P (Clinical trials)	The probability of papers integrated into clinical trials	ClinicalTrials.gov, SciSciNet (Lin et al., 2023)
	P (Newsfeed)	The probability of papers mentioned by news sources	Crossref (Hendricks et al., 2020)
	P (Tweet)	The probability of papers mentioned by Tweets	Crossref (Hendricks et al., 2020)
Independent variable	Disruption index	The proportion of disruptive citations in the total citations received by the paper.	(Funk & Owen-Smith, 2017; Park et al., 2023; Wu et al., 2019)
	Disruptive citation	The number of citations that reference the focal paper without citing its original sources.	(Lin et al., 2022; Yang et al., 2023)
Team level controls	Team size	The number of authors in a paper	(Wuchty et al., 2007)
	International team	Indicates whether the paper's authorship includes individuals from different countries.	(Lee et al., 2019)
	Interdisciplinary team	Indicates whether the paper's authorship spans multiple fields of study.	(Liu et al., 2024)
Paper level controls	Funding	Indicates whether the research was funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or the National Science Foundation (NSF).	(Yang, 2024; Zhai et al., 2024)
	#Reference	The total number of references cited in the paper.	(Yang et al., 2024)
	Rao-Stirling	A metric measuring the level of interdisciplinarity in a paper, typically calculated using methods developed by Rao and Stirling.	(Gates et al., 2019; Stirling, 2007)

Table S2. Effect of the 10-year disruption index on the likelihood of papers to be linked to technology.

Models	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Dependent Variables	P (Patents)				P (Clinical trials)			
10-year Disruption (Pct.)	-0.2358*** (0.0020)	0.0967*** (0.0023)	0.0978*** (0.0023)	0.3146*** (0.0025)	-0.0450*** (0.0073)	0.3089*** (0.0080)	0.2943*** (0.0080)	0.6075*** (0.0093)
ln (Team size)			0.2270*** (0.0013)	0.2092*** (0.0013)			0.5115*** (0.0033)	0.4254*** (0.0034)
International team			-0.0459*** (0.0019)	-0.0691*** (0.0020)			0.0955*** (0.0052)	0.0493*** (0.0054)
Interdisciplinary team			0.1164*** (0.0015)	0.1118*** (0.0015)			-0.1097*** (0.0047)	-0.1581*** (0.0047)
Funding				0.2766*** (0.0021)				0.3980*** (0.0053)
ln (#Reference)				0.4396*** (0.0012)				0.6142*** (0.0033)
Rao-Stirling				-1.802*** (0.0104)				-1.065*** (0.0355)
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Journal FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Obs.	35,729,603	35,014,987	35,014,987	31,600,461	35,729,603	18,695,874	18,695,874	17,236,594
Pseudo R ²	0.13961	0.23929	0.24173	0.24271	0.16735	0.16204	0.1715	0.18506

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. The absence of observations in certain models is attributed to instances where only one value is available for a particular year, field, and journal combination, often indicating a lack of associated papers within that technological/societal domain. Furthermore, missing values in the 'Rao-Stirling' variable contribute to the observed absence of data points.

Table S3. Effect of the 10-year disruption index on the likelihood of papers to be linked to society.

Models	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Dependent Variables	P (News)				P (Tweets)			
10-year Disruption (Pct.)	-0.1696*** (0.0087)	0.4434*** (0.0098)	0.4588*** (0.0098)	0.7656*** (0.0117)	-0.5336*** (0.0030)	0.0565*** (0.0036)	0.0649*** (0.0036)	0.3542*** (0.0044)
ln (Team size)			0.1499*** (0.0040)	0.0797*** (0.0043)			0.0205*** (0.0016)	-0.0209*** (0.0017)
International team			0.0880*** (0.0054)	0.0715*** (0.0057)			0.1628*** (0.0020)	0.1490*** (0.0022)
Interdisciplinary team			0.1230*** (0.0053)	0.1132*** (0.0055)			0.0901*** (0.0019)	0.0843*** (0.0021)
Funding				0.2126*** (0.0068)				0.1204*** (0.0030)
ln (#Reference)				0.3995*** (0.0045)				0.3576*** (0.0017)
Rao-Stirling				0.1660** (0.0566)				-0.0352 (0.0238)
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Journal FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Obs.	35,729,603	31,178,015	31,178,015	28,059,313	35,729,603	34,405,397	34,405,397	31,048,614
Pseudo R ²	0.09508	0.22304	0.2247	0.23366	0.28393	0.41814	0.4188	0.43041

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. The absence of observations in certain models is attributed to instances where only one value is available for a particular year, field, and journal combination, often indicating a lack of associated papers within that technological/societal domain. Furthermore, missing values in the 'Rao-Stirling' variable contribute to the observed absence of data points.

Table S4. Effect of the 10-year disruptive citation on the likelihood of papers to be linked to technology.

Models	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Dependent Variables	P (Patents)				P (Clinical trials)			
ln (10-year Disruptive citation)	0.7271*** (0.0006)	0.6300*** (0.0007)	0.6222*** (0.0007)	0.6107*** (0.0008)	1.052*** (0.0018)	0.9742*** (0.0022)	0.9556*** (0.0023)	0.9235*** (0.0024)
ln (Team size)			0.1258*** (0.0012)	0.1190*** (0.0013)			0.2585*** (0.0034)	0.2485*** (0.0035)
International team			-0.0832*** (0.0019)	-0.0932*** (0.0020)			-0.0083 (0.0054)	-0.0148** (0.0056)
Interdisciplinary team			0.1132*** (0.0015)	0.1146*** (0.0015)			-0.0957*** (0.0047)	-0.1176*** (0.0048)
Funding				0.2315*** (0.0021)				0.3113*** (0.0054)
ln (#Reference)				0.1887*** (0.0012)				0.1502*** (0.0034)
Rao-Stirling				-1.071*** (0.0102)				0.0064 (0.0354)
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Journal FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Obs.	35,729,603	35,014,987	35,014,987	31,600,461	35,729,603	18,695,874	18,695,874	17,236,594
Pseudo R ²	0.19941	0.27268	0.27366	0.27146	0.27627	0.24159	0.24355	0.24345

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. The absence of observations in certain models is attributed to instances where only one value is available for a particular year, field, and journal combination, often indicating a lack of associated papers within that technological/societal domain. Furthermore, missing values in the 'Rao-Stirling' variable contribute to the observed absence of data points.

Table S5. Effect of the **10-year disruptive citation** on the likelihood of papers to be linked to society.

Models	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Dependent Variables	P (News)				P (Tweets)			
ln (10-year Disruptive citation)	0.9422*** (0.0021)	0.7226*** (0.0026)	0.7233*** (0.0026)	0.7273*** (0.0029)	0.4816*** (0.0008)	0.4100*** (0.0010)	0.4089*** (0.0010)	0.4084*** (0.0011)
ln (Team size)			-0.0533*** (0.0041)	-0.0650*** (0.0043)			-0.0564*** (0.0016)	-0.0815*** (0.0017)
International team			0.0479*** (0.0055)	0.0470*** (0.0057)			0.1438*** (0.0020)	0.1356*** (0.0022)
Interdisciplinary team			0.1225*** (0.0053)	0.1194*** (0.0056)			0.0842*** (0.0019)	0.0836*** (0.0021)
Funding				0.1502*** (0.0069)				0.0857*** (0.0030)
ln (#Reference)				0.0691*** (0.0043)				0.1935*** (0.0017)
Rao-Stirling				0.9516*** (0.0577)				0.3210*** (0.0237)
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Journal FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Obs.	35,729,603	31,178,015	31,178,015	28,059,313	35,729,603	34,405,397	34,405,397	31,048,614
Pseudo R ²	0.17883	0.26331	0.26355	0.26872	0.30942	0.43343	0.4338	0.44379

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. The absence of observations in certain models is attributed to instances where only one value is available for a particular year, field, and journal combination, often indicating a lack of associated papers within that technological/societal domain. Furthermore, missing values in the 'Rao-Stirling' variable contribute to the observed absence of data points.

Table S6. Effect of the **5-year disruption index** on the likelihood of papers to be linked to technology.

Models	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Dependent Variables	P (Patents)				P (Clinical trials)			
5-year Disruption (Pct.)	-0.3561*** (0.0019)	-0.0170*** (0.0022)	0.0009 (0.0022)	0.2069*** (0.0025)	-0.6990*** (0.0074)	-0.2954*** (0.0078)	-0.1989*** (0.0079)	0.0662*** (0.0090)
ln (Team size)			0.2334*** (0.0012)	0.2161*** (0.0013)			0.5199*** (0.0033)	0.4360*** (0.0034)
International team			-0.0451*** (0.0019)	-0.0684*** (0.0019)			0.0877*** (0.0052)	0.0422*** (0.0054)
Interdisciplinary team			0.1154*** (0.0014)	0.1103*** (0.0015)			-0.1075*** (0.0047)	-0.1583*** (0.0047)
Funding				0.2792*** (0.0020)				0.3983*** (0.0053)
ln (#Reference)				0.4366*** (0.0012)				0.5912*** (0.0032)
Rao-Stirling				-1.729*** (0.0101)				-0.6644*** (0.0347)
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Journal FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Obs.	38,104,430	37,356,439	37,356,439	33,335,435	38,104,430	19,533,842	19,533,842	17,899,089
Pseudo R ²	0.1358	0.23739	0.23991	0.241	0.16924	0.1617	0.17139	0.184

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. The absence of observations in certain models is attributed to instances where only one value is available for a particular year, field, and journal combination, often indicating a lack of associated papers within that technological/societal domain. Furthermore, missing values in the 'Rao-Stirling' variable contribute to the observed absence of data points.

Table S7. Effect of the **5-year disruption index** on the likelihood of papers to be linked to society.

Models	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Dependent Variables	P (News)				P (Tweets)			
5-year Disruption (Pct.)	-0.4443*** (0.0098)	0.1947*** (0.0108)	0.2433*** (0.0109)	0.5299*** (0.0130)	-0.5143*** (0.0033)	0.0666*** (0.0040)	0.0837*** (0.0040)	0.3272*** (0.0048)
ln (Team size)			0.1540*** (0.0040)	0.0870*** (0.0043)			0.0237*** (0.0016)	-0.0176*** (0.0017)

International team			0.0870*** (0.0054)	0.0710*** (0.0057)			0.1635*** (0.0020)	0.1491*** (0.0022)
Interdisciplinary team			0.1255*** (0.0053)	0.1156*** (0.0055)			0.0898*** (0.0019)	0.0843*** (0.0021)
Funding				0.2148*** (0.0068)				0.1220*** (0.0030)
ln (#Reference)				0.3846*** (0.0044)				0.3538*** (0.0017)
Rao-Stirling				0.2903*** (0.0552)				-0.0204 (0.0232)
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Journal FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Obs.	38,104,430	32,986,537	32,986,537	29,378,326	38,104,430	36,575,555	36,575,555	32,637,778
Pseudo R ²	0.09789	0.22395	0.22567	0.23424	0.28691	0.42075	0.42141	0.43286

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. The absence of observations in certain models is attributed to instances where only one value is available for a particular year, field, and journal combination, often indicating a lack of associated papers within that technological/societal domain. Furthermore, missing values in the 'Rao-Stirling' variable contribute to the observed absence of data points.

Table S8. Effect of the **5-year disruptive citation** on the likelihood of papers to be linked to technology.

Models	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Dependent Variables	P (Patents)				P (Clinical trials)			
ln (5-year Disruptive citation)	0.6762*** (0.0006)	0.6148*** (0.0007)	0.6083*** (0.0007)	0.6016*** (0.0007)	1.009*** (0.0016)	0.9443*** (0.0020)	0.9295*** (0.0021)	0.8988*** (0.0022)
ln (Team size)			0.1417*** (0.0012)	0.1337*** (0.0013)			0.2970*** (0.0034)	0.2846*** (0.0035)
International team			-0.0782*** (0.0019)	-0.0920*** (0.0020)			-0.0019 (0.0054)	-0.0161** (0.0056)
Interdisciplinary team			0.1096*** (0.0015)	0.1108*** (0.0015)			-0.0975*** (0.0047)	-0.1212*** (0.0048)
Funding				0.2385*** (0.0021)				0.3050*** (0.0055)
ln (#Reference)				0.2312*** (0.0012)				0.2053*** (0.0033)
Rao-Stirling				-1.405*** (0.0101)				-0.7387*** (0.0351)
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Journal FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Obs.	38,104,430	37,356,439	37,356,439	33,335,435	38,104,430	19,533,842	19,533,842	17,899,089
Pseudo R ²	0.19891	0.27707	0.27817	0.277	0.2784	0.24735	0.24999	0.25113

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. The absence of observations in certain models is attributed to instances where only one value is available for a particular year, field, and journal combination, often indicating a lack of associated papers within that technological/societal domain. Furthermore, missing values in the 'Rao-Stirling' variable contribute to the observed absence of data points.

Table S9. Effect of the **5-year disruptive citation** on the likelihood of papers to be linked to society.

Models	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Dependent Variables	P (News)				P (Tweets)			
ln (5-year Disruptive citation)	0.9262*** (0.0020)	0.7388*** (0.0024)	0.7372*** (0.0024)	0.7392*** (0.0026)	0.4744*** (0.0009)	0.4376*** (0.0010)	0.4357*** (0.0010)	0.4424*** (0.0011)
ln (Team size)			-0.0302*** (0.0041)	-0.0480*** (0.0043)			-0.0438*** (0.0016)	-0.0736*** (0.0017)
International team			0.0580*** (0.0055)	0.0520*** (0.0058)			0.1489*** (0.0020)	0.1383*** (0.0022)
Interdisciplinary team			0.1154*** (0.0053)	0.1126*** (0.0056)			0.0804*** (0.0019)	0.0798*** (0.0021)
Funding				0.1553*** (0.0069)				0.0878*** (0.0030)
ln (#Reference)				0.1188*** (0.0042)				0.2165*** (0.0017)

Rao-Stirling				0.4785*** (0.0573)				0.0544* (0.0237)
Year FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Field FE	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Journal FE	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Obs.	38,104,430	32,986,537	32,986,537	29,378,326	38,104,430	36,575,555	36,575,555	32,637,778
Pseudo R ²	0.18094	0.26829	0.26851	0.27433	0.30857	0.43518	0.43557	0.44616

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$. The absence of observations in certain models is attributed to instances where only one value is available for a particular year, field, and journal combination, often indicating a lack of associated papers within that technological/societal domain. Furthermore, missing values in the 'Rao-Stirling' variable contribute to the observed absence of data points.

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