

Supplementary Material for:

Female scientists produce more novel and disruptive ideas yet receive less citation impact

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Supplementary Note 1. Descriptive analysis

Table S1.1 Description of the variables

| Type | Variables | Description/Definition | Sources |
|------------------------------|--|--|---|
| Dependent variable | Female authorship as the first author | If the first author is a female scientist, the dummy variable is assigned a value of 1; otherwise, it is assigned a value of 0. | (Van Buskirk et al., 2023) |
| | Female authorship as the last author | If the last author is a female scientist, the dummy variable is assigned a value of 1; otherwise, it is assigned a value of 0. | (Van Buskirk et al., 2023) |
| Independent variable | 5-Year citation count | The cumulative number of citations a paper receives five years post-publication as a measure of its scientific impact. | (Wang et al., 2013) |
| | Novel paper | Scientific novelty is operationalized by scrutinizing the observed distribution of journal pairs within a paper's reference list and comparing it to the random distribution of journal pairs generated by a null model. Novel paper is a dummy variable. | Uzzi et al. (2013) |
| | Disruptive paper | A paper is considered to be disruptive when its 5-year CD index is above zero (The 5-year CD index is defined as the proportion of disruptive citations in the total 5-year citations received by the paper). | (Funk & Owen-Smith, 2017; Park et al., 2023; Wu et al., 2019) |
| 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) |
| Author level controls | Career age | The number of years elapsed from their initial publication in the MAG dataset until the publication year of the focal paper. | (Yang, Xu, et al., 2024) |
| | #Past publications | The total number of publications by the author up to the year the focal paper was published. | (Jones, 2009) |
| | #Past hit publications | the number of hit papers the author has produced up to that point. A hit paper is defined as one of the top 10% most highly cited papers in its publication year and subfields | (Mukherjee et al., 2017) |
| | Funding | Indicates whether the researcher was funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) or the National Science Foundation (NSF). | (Yang, Gong, et al., 2024) |
| | Focal field | We categorize the primary field of each scientist using first-level MAG field-of-study labels. If the focal paper aligns with the scientist's most frequently studied fields before its publication date, we assign it a value of 1; otherwise, we assign it a value of 0. | (Zeng et al., 2019) |

Table S1.2 Statistical analysis of the variables.

| Panel a. all | COUNT | MEAN | STD | MIN | MEDIAN | MAX |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Female | 11385225 | 0.21 | 0.41 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 5-year citation count | 11385225 | 23.14 | 60.37 | 0 | 12 | 37405 |
| Team size | 11385225 | 4.90 | 25.18 | 1 | 4 | 5104 |
| Interdisciplinary team | 11385225 | 0.36 | 0.48 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| International team | 11385225 | 0.21 | 0.41 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Career age | 11385225 | 16.11 | 11.61 | 0 | 14 | 60 |
| #Past publications | 11385225 | 76.35 | 112.75 | 0 | 37 | 1000 |
| #Past hit publications | 11385225 | 10.16 | 21.86 | 0 | 3 | 400 |
| Funding | 11385225 | 0.13 | 0.34 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Focal field | 11385225 | 0.35 | 0.48 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

| Panel b. first author | COUNT | MEAN | STD | MIN | MEDIAN | MAX |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Female | 6199531 | 0.24 | 0.43 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 5-year citation count | 6199531 | 22.43 | 60.18 | 0 | 11 | 37405 |
| Team size | 6199531 | 4.58 | 24.15 | 1 | 4 | 5104 |
| Interdisciplinary team | 6199531 | 0.33 | 0.47 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| International team | 6199531 | 0.20 | 0.40 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Career age | 6199531 | 12.55 | 10.78 | 0 | 9 | 60 |
| #Past publications | 6199531 | 46.31 | 79.35 | 0 | 21 | 1000 |
| #Past hit publications | 6199531 | 5.75 | 14.48 | 0 | 1 | 400 |
| Funding | 6199531 | 0.13 | 0.33 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Focal field | 6199531 | 0.36 | 0.48 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

| Panel c. last author | COUNT | MEAN | STD | MIN | MEDIAN | MAX |
|-------------------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Female | 5185694 | 0.17 | 0.38 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| 5-year citation count | 5185694 | 23.99 | 60.58 | 0 | 12 | 24550 |
| Team size | 5185694 | 5.28 | 26.35 | 2 | 4 | 5104 |
| Interdisciplinary team | 5185694 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| International team | 5185694 | 0.23 | 0.42 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Career age | 5185694 | 20.37 | 11.13 | 0 | 19 | 60 |
| #Past publications | 5185694 | 112.27 | 134.22 | 0 | 68 | 1000 |
| #Past hit publications | 5185694 | 15.43 | 27.34 | 0 | 6 | 400 |
| Funding | 5185694 | 0.14 | 0.34 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Focal field | 5185694 | 0.34 | 0.47 | 0 | 0 | 1 |

Supplementary Note 2. Regression results

Table S2.1 Poisson regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the 5-year citation count.

| Models | Poisson regression | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Dependent variable | 5-year Citation count | | | | | |
| | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | -0.0559*** (0.0022) | -0.0794*** (0.0022) | -0.0437*** (0.0021) | -0.0680*** (0.0026) | -0.0541*** (0.0026) | -0.0172*** (0.0026) |
| ln(Team size) | | 0.3363*** (0.0025) | 0.3264*** (0.0023) | | 0.3668*** (0.0032) | 0.3271*** (0.0030) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | -0.0951*** (0.0024) | -0.0982*** (0.0023) | | -0.0888*** (0.0024) | -0.0972*** (0.0023) |
| International team | | 0.1840*** (0.0029) | 0.1322*** (0.0028) | | 0.1811*** (0.0029) | 0.1198*** (0.0029) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.0187*** (0.0023) | | | 0.0241*** (0.0026) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | -0.3301*** (0.0025) | | | -0.3904*** (0.0023) |
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | 0.5714*** (0.0018) | | | 0.5305*** (0.0016) |
| Funding | | | 0.2975*** (0.0030) | | | 0.1948*** (0.0032) |
| Focal field | | | 0.0467*** (0.0024) | | | 0.0317*** (0.0024) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Observations | 6,199,531 | 6,199,531 | 6,199,531 | 5,185,694 | 5,185,694 | 5,185,694 |
| Squared Cor. | 0.0188 | 0.03136 | 0.07323 | 0.0192 | 0.03144 | 0.07385 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.07125 | 0.10563 | 0.22023 | 0.06653 | 0.09582 | 0.2088 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S2.2 Logistic regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the scientific novelty.

| Models | Logistic regression | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Dependent variable | P (Novel paper) | | | | | |
| | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | 0.0931*** (0.0020) | 0.0776*** (0.0020) | 0.0730*** (0.0021) | 0.0681*** (0.0025) | 0.0748*** (0.0025) | 0.0819*** (0.0026) |
| ln(Team size) | | 0.0355*** (0.0014) | 0.0286*** (0.0014) | | 0.0747*** (0.0019) | 0.0623*** (0.0020) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | 0.4987*** (0.0021) | 0.4775*** (0.0021) | | 0.5067*** (0.0021) | 0.4832*** (0.0021) |
| International team | | 0.0121*** (0.0023) | 0.0143*** (0.0023) | | 0.0118*** (0.0023) | 0.0103*** (0.0023) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.0065*** (0.0017) | | | 0.0170*** (0.0021) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | -0.0242*** (0.0015) | | | -0.0084*** (0.0017) |
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | 0.0268*** (0.0012) | | | 0.0241*** (0.0012) |
| Funding | | | 0.2683*** (0.0028) | | | 0.2581*** (0.0029) |
| Focal field | | | -0.2633*** (0.0019) | | | -0.3100*** (0.0021) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Observations | 6,199,523 | 6,199,523 | 6,199,523 | 5,185,692 | 5,185,692 | 5,185,692 |
| Squared Cor. | 0.0806 | 0.09184 | 0.09649 | 0.0731 | 0.08587 | 0.09182 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.06066 | 0.06957 | 0.07317 | 0.05497 | 0.06507 | 0.06967 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S2.3 Logistic regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the probability of disruptive papers.

| Models | Logistic regression | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Dependent variable | P (Disruptive paper) | | | | | |
| | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | 0.0755*** (0.0021) | 0.0755*** (0.0021) | 0.0684*** (0.0021) | 0.0578*** (0.0025) | 0.0557*** (0.0025) | 0.0391*** (0.0026) |
| ln(Team size) | | -0.0248*** (0.0015) | -0.0102*** (0.0015) | | -0.0185*** (0.0020) | -0.0075*** (0.0020) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | 0.1022*** (0.0021) | 0.0982*** (0.0021) | | 0.1133*** (0.0021) | 0.1137*** (0.0021) |
| International team | | -0.1225*** (0.0023) | -0.1126*** (0.0023) | | -0.1161*** (0.0023) | -0.0980*** (0.0023) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.1851*** (0.0017) | | | 0.1019*** (0.0022) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | -0.0483*** (0.0015) | | | 0.0077*** (0.0017) |
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | -0.1061*** (0.0012) | | | -0.1103*** (0.0012) |
| Funding | | | -0.1571*** (0.0026) | | | -0.1265*** (0.0028) |
| Focal field | | | -0.0685*** (0.0019) | | | -0.0728*** (0.0021) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Observations | 5,852,007 | 5,852,007 | 5,852,007 | 4,962,797 | 4,962,797 | 4,962,797 |
| Squared Cor. | 0.05 | 0.05092 | 0.05575 | 0.0518 | 0.05289 | 0.05707 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.03733 | 0.03802 | 0.04171 | 0.03871 | 0.03952 | 0.04268 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Supplementary Note 3. Novel paper

Novelty involves the introduction of new ideas or the recombination of existing fragments of knowledge (March, 1991; Nelson, 1985; Schumpeter, 1939). Scientific and technological advancements do not arise spontaneously but are derived from the existing corpus of knowledge (Arthur, 2009). Scientific breakthroughs are often likened to a journey through a vast expanse of combinatorial possibilities, leading to fresh insights and technological progress. Research studies have emphasized the crucial role of combinations in connecting innovation with scientific and technological impact (Hofstra et al., 2020; Trapido, 2015). Most efforts to model the creative process perceive it as an accumulative and interactive recombination of existing fragments of knowledge, merged in novel ways (Azoulay et al., 2011). Novel research endeavors, while potentially entailing higher risks, often strive to address challenging issues and projects sought after by policymakers (Stephan et al., 2017; Wang et al., 2018). Novel studies push the boundaries of existing knowledge and venture into unexplored domains of

scientific inquiry (Xu et al., 2022). In this study, we follow the methodology of Uzzi et al. (2013), using the yearly journal distribution in the reference list of papers to calculate scientific novelty. As our dataset includes papers with at least 10 references, this method effectively measures atypical combinations of knowledge.

To assess the novelty of papers, we examine the presence of atypical combinations of knowledge. Scientific novelty is operationalized by scrutinizing the observed distribution of journal pairs within a paper's reference list and comparing it to the random distribution of journal pairs generated by a null model. As shown in Fig. S1, we run Monte Carlo simulations by randomly switching the reference links between random paper pairs while controlling for time. Novelty as the atypical combinations of knowledge is quantified through these Monte Carlo simulations. The simulations involve creating reshuffled networks with random edge reassignment while preserving the temporal and distributional attributes of the original citation network. Each journal pairing is transformed into z-scores, representing standardized values. The computation of atypical combinations for each journal pair ($pair_{mn}$) is encapsulated by the following formula:

$$Z\ score_{m,n} = \frac{obs(pair_{mn}) - exp(pair_{mn})}{\sigma(pair_{ij})}$$

where $obs(pair_{mn})$ signifies the observed frequency of the journal pair in the actual dataset, $exp(pair_{mn})$ represents the mean, and $\sigma(pair_{mn})$ denotes the standard deviation of journal pairs obtained from 10 randomized simulations of the reshuffled network. To encapsulate the information within the distribution, denoted as a set $\{Z\ score_{m,n} \mid m, n \in J\}$, wherein J encompasses all journals within the reference list, we leverage the 10th percentile value of the novelty set as a succinct summary statistic. We denote papers as novel if their 10th percentile value of the novelty set is lower than 0; otherwise, they are not considered novel papers.

$$Novel\ paper = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } 10pct\{Z\ score_{m,n} \mid m, n \in J\} < 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } 10pct\{Z\ score_{m,n} \mid m, n \in J\} \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

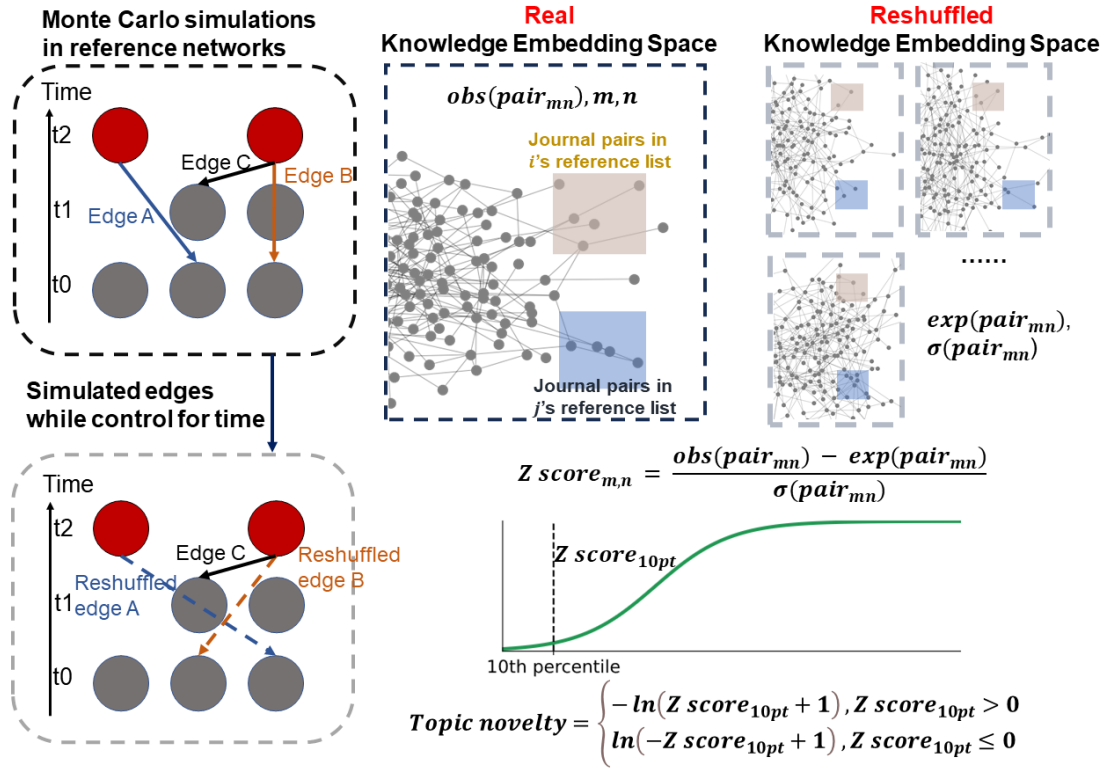


Fig. S4.1 Quantifying novelty in scientific papers

Supplementary Note 4. Disruptive paper

The CD index is defined as:

$$CD index = p_D - p_C = \frac{n_i - n_j}{n_i + n_j + n_k} \quad (1)$$

where n_i represents the number of future papers citing the focal paper (FP) that do not reference its cited sources, n_j denotes the number of future papers citing FP and its references, and n_k represents the number of papers citing FP's references without citing FP itself. A lower CD index indicates alignment with established knowledge, while a higher CD index signifies papers with the potential to induce paradigm shifts.

Leibel and Bornmann (2023) provide a comprehensive appraisal of the disruption index, deliberating on its conceptual underpinnings, capabilities, extensions, and constraints. Although it has some flaws and limitations, the CD index has been widely used in bibliometrics, the science of science, and many other fields of study. Notably, at least three papers published in the esteemed journal Nature in the last 3 years utilized the CD index as the main variable (Lin et al., 2023; Park et al., 2023; Wu et al., 2019).

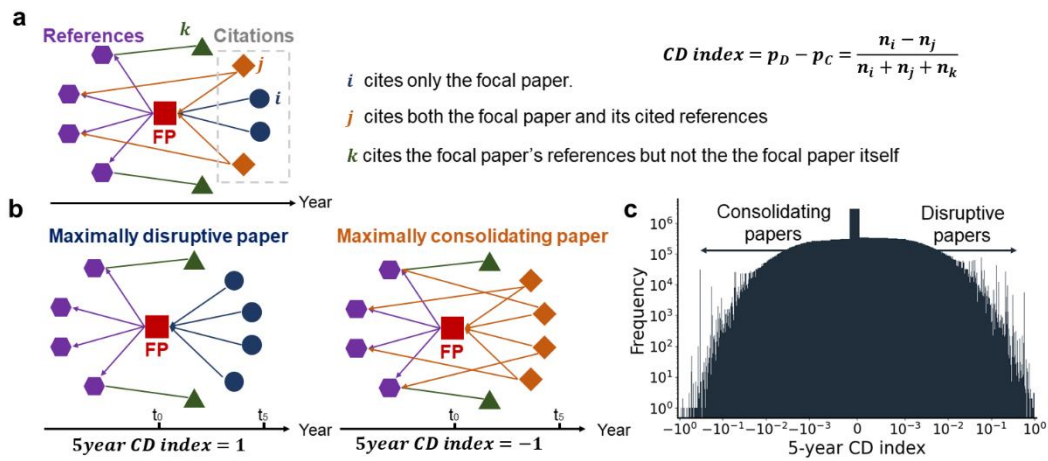


Fig. S4.2 Quantifying the 5-year CD index

Supplementary Note 5. Robustness check A (Controlling for gender entropy)

Table S5.1 Poisson regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the 5-year citation count controlling for gender entropy.

| Models | Poisson regression | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Dependent variable | 5-year Citation count | | | | | |
| | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | -0.1365*** (0.0023) | -0.0628*** (0.0022) | -0.0273*** (0.0021) | -0.0947*** (0.0026) | -0.0390*** (0.0026) | 0.0026 (0.0026) |
| Gender entropy | 0.3336*** (0.0038) | -0.0728*** (0.0042) | -0.0734*** (0.0042) | 0.1397*** (0.0039) | -0.0805*** (0.0042) | -0.1059*** (0.0042) |
| ln(Team size) | | 0.3489*** (0.0027) | 0.3388*** (0.0025) | | 0.3780*** (0.0033) | 0.3419*** (0.0031) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | -0.0946*** (0.0024) | -0.0976*** (0.0023) | | -0.0883*** (0.0024) | -0.0967*** (0.0023) |
| International team | | 0.1831*** (0.0029) | 0.1313*** (0.0028) | | 0.1803*** (0.0029) | 0.1186*** (0.0029) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.0192*** (0.0023) | | | 0.0253*** (0.0026) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | -0.3305*** (0.0025) | | | -0.3913*** (0.0024) |
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | 0.5713*** (0.0018) | | | 0.5309*** (0.0016) |
| Funding | | | 0.2984*** (0.0030) | | | 0.1961*** (0.0032) |
| Focal field | | | 0.0465*** (0.0024) | | | 0.0312*** (0.0024) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Observations | 6,199,531 | 6,199,531 | 6,199,531 | 5,185,694 | 5,185,694 | 5,185,694 |
| Squared Cor. | 0.01997 | 0.03147 | 0.07322 | 0.0194 | 0.03158 | 0.07409 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.0758 | 0.10579 | 0.2204 | 0.0674 | 0.09607 | 0.20924 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S5.2 Logistic regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the scientific novelty controlling for gender entropy.

| Models | Logistic regression | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Dependent variable | P (Novel paper) | | | | | |
| | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | 0.0050*** (0.0005) | 0.0114*** (0.0005) | 0.0111*** (0.0005) | 0.0048*** (0.0006) | 0.0103*** (0.0006) | 0.0125*** (0.0006) |
| Gender entropy | 0.0633*** (0.0007) | 0.0247*** (0.0008) | 0.0224*** (0.0008) | 0.0510*** (0.0008) | 0.0297*** (0.0008) | 0.0273*** (0.0008) |
| ln(Team size) | | 0.0031*** (0.0004) | 0.0020*** (0.0004) | | 0.0116*** (0.0005) | 0.0091*** (0.0005) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | 0.1121*** (0.0005) | 0.1069*** (0.0005) | | 0.1140*** (0.0005) | 0.1082*** (0.0005) |
| International team | | 0.0030*** (0.0005) | 0.0034*** (0.0005) | | 0.0029*** (0.0005) | 0.0026*** (0.0005) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.0013*** (0.0004) | | | 0.0037*** (0.0005) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | -0.0053*** (0.0003) | | | -0.0016*** (0.0004) |
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | 0.0060*** (0.0003) | | | 0.0053*** (0.0003) |
| Funding | | | 0.0573*** (0.0006) | | | 0.0546*** (0.0006) |
| Focal field | | | -0.0595*** (0.0004) | | | -0.0700*** (0.0005) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Observations | 6,199,531 | 6,199,531 | 6,199,531 | 5,185,694 | 5,185,694 | 5,185,694 |
| Squared Cor. | 0.08172 | 0.09188 | 0.09634 | 0.07389 | 0.08604 | 0.09174 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.05922 | 0.06695 | 0.07037 | 0.05364 | 0.06286 | 0.06723 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S6.3 Logistic regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the probability of disruptive papers controlling for gender entropy.

| Models | Logistic regression | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Dependent variable | P (Disruptive paper) | | | | | |
| | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | 0.0805*** (0.0022) | 0.0760*** (0.0022) | 0.0681*** (0.0023) | 0.0541*** (0.0026) | 0.0510*** (0.0026) | 0.0333*** (0.0027) |
| Gender entropy | -0.0195*** (0.0032) | -0.0020 (0.0036) | 0.0011 (0.0036) | 0.0178*** (0.0033) | 0.0220*** (0.0035) | 0.0276*** (0.0035) |
| ln(Team size) | | -0.0244*** (0.0016) | -0.0105*** (0.0016) | | -0.0220*** (0.0021) | -0.0119*** (0.0021) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | 0.1023*** (0.0021) | 0.0982*** (0.0021) | | 0.1133*** (0.0021) | 0.1137*** (0.0021) |
| International team | | -0.1225*** (0.0023) | -0.1126*** (0.0023) | | -0.1158*** (0.0023) | -0.0976*** (0.0023) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.1851*** (0.0017) | | | 0.1017*** (0.0022) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | -0.0483*** (0.0015) | | | 0.0080*** (0.0017) |
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | -0.1061*** (0.0012) | | | -0.1105*** (0.0012) |
| Funding | | | -0.1571*** (0.0026) | | | -0.1269*** (0.0028) |
| Focal field | | | -0.0685*** (0.0019) | | | -0.0727*** (0.0021) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |

| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Observations | 5,852,007 | 5,852,007 | 5,852,007 | 4,962,797 | 4,962,797 | 4,962,797 |
| Squared Cor. | 0.05001 | 0.05092 | 0.05575 | 0.05181 | 0.0529 | 0.05708 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.03733 | 0.03802 | 0.04171 | 0.03871 | 0.03952 | 0.04269 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Supplementary Note 6. Robustness check B (American authors only)

Table S6.1 Poisson regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the 5-year citation count for American authors only.

| Models | Poisson regression | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Dependent variable | 5-year Citation count | | | | | |
| | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | -0.0586*** (0.0041) | -0.0904*** (0.0041) | -0.0687*** (0.0040) | -0.0843*** (0.0055) | -0.0741*** (0.0054) | -0.0501*** (0.0053) |
| ln(Team size) | | 0.4361*** (0.0041) | 0.4055*** (0.0039) | | 0.4523*** (0.0060) | 0.3749*** (0.0058) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | -0.1427*** (0.0043) | -0.1332*** (0.0042) | | -0.1294*** (0.0049) | -0.1190*** (0.0047) |
| International team | | 0.1021*** (0.0059) | 0.0846*** (0.0059) | | 0.0560*** (0.0063) | 0.0608*** (0.0062) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.0131*** (0.0038) | | | 0.0096. (0.0058) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | -0.3689*** (0.0040) | | | -0.4851*** (0.0052) |
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | 0.5784*** (0.0036) | | | 0.5959*** (0.0039) |
| Funding | | | 0.1942*** (0.0045) | | | 0.1302*** (0.0052) |
| Focal field | | | 0.0372*** (0.0041) | | | 0.0308*** (0.0053) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Observations | 1,705,000 | 1,705,000 | 1,705,000 | 1,276,994 | 1,276,994 | 1,276,994 |
| Squared Cor. | 0.02249 | 0.04642 | 0.08908 | 0.02014 | 0.03672 | 0.07046 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.07298 | 0.12481 | 0.21885 | 0.07107 | 0.11075 | 0.20063 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S6.2 Logistic regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the scientific novelty for American authors only.

| Models | Logistic regression | | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Dependent variable | P (Novel paper) | | | | | |
| | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | 0.0180*** (0.0009) | 0.0135*** (0.0009) | 0.0128*** (0.0009) | 0.0159*** (0.0011) | 0.0168*** (0.0011) | 0.0164*** (0.0011) |
| ln(Team size) | | 0.0161*** (0.0006) | 0.0105*** (0.0006) | | 0.0264*** (0.0008) | 0.0198*** (0.0008) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | 0.1169*** (0.0009) | 0.1102*** (0.0009) | | 0.1198*** (0.0009) | 0.1126*** (0.0009) |
| International team | | -0.0150*** (0.0011) | -0.0105*** (0.0011) | | -0.0217*** (0.0011) | -0.0163*** (0.0011) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.0039*** (0.0007) | | | 0.0006 (0.0010) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | 0.0032*** (0.0007) | | | 0.0101*** (0.0009) |

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|-----------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------|
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | -0.0021*** (0.0005) | | | -0.0076*** (0.0006) |
| Funding | | | 0.0538*** (0.0008) | | | 0.0523*** (0.0009) |
| Focal field | | | -0.0588*** (0.0008) | | | -0.0711*** (0.0009) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Observations | 1,705,000 | 1,705,000 | 1,705,000 | 1,276,994 | 1,276,994 | 1,276,994 |
| Squared Cor. | 0.07094 | 0.08421 | 0.08945 | 0.06855 | 0.08383 | 0.09036 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.05201 | 0.06218 | 0.06623 | 0.05048 | 0.06224 | 0.06732 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Table S6.3 Logistic regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the probability of disruptive papers for American authors only.

| Models | Logistic regression | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (1) | (2) | (3) |
| Dependent variable | P (Disruptive paper) | | | | | |
| | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | 0.0547*** (0.0039) | 0.0564*** (0.0039) | 0.0703*** (0.0039) | 0.0275*** (0.0050) | 0.0261*** (0.0050) | 0.0378*** (0.0051) |
| ln(Team size) | | -0.0472*** (0.0027) | -0.0106*** (0.0028) | | -0.0420*** (0.0038) | -0.0140*** (0.0038) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | 0.0834*** (0.0040) | 0.0828*** (0.0040) | | 0.1163*** (0.0042) | 0.1168*** (0.0042) |
| International team | | -0.1134*** (0.0050) | -0.1287*** (0.0050) | | -0.0534*** (0.0047) | -0.0673*** (0.0048) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.1784*** (0.0033) | | | 0.1491*** (0.0046) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | -0.0215*** (0.0030) | | | 0.0190*** (0.0039) |
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | -0.0835*** (0.0023) | | | -0.0912*** (0.0027) |
| Funding | | | -0.1403*** (0.0037) | | | -0.1405*** (0.0042) |
| Focal field | | | -0.0515*** (0.0036) | | | -0.0582*** (0.0042) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Observations | 1,634,460 | 1,634,460 | 1,634,460 | 1,239,983 | 1,239,983 | 1,239,983 |
| Squared Cor. | 0.05537 | 0.05615 | 0.06019 | 0.05971 | 0.06046 | 0.06374 |
| Pseudo R2 | 0.04142 | 0.04199 | 0.04503 | 0.04467 | 0.04523 | 0.04769 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

Supplementary Note 7. Robustness check C (alternative novelty scores)

We run OLS regression with alternative novelty scores to check the robustness of our findings:

$$Novelty\ score = \begin{cases} -\ln(Z\ score_{10pt} + 1), & \text{if } Z\ score_{10pt} > 0 \\ \ln(-Z\ score_{10pt} + 1), & \text{if } Z\ score_{10pt} \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Table S7.1 OLS regression: effect of the female scientist as the first or last author on the novelty scores.

| Models | Poisson regression | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (5) | (6) | (7) |
| | Novelty score | | | | | |
| Dependent variable | First author | | | Last author | | |
| Female | 0.1097*** (0.0023) | 0.0873*** (0.0022) | 0.0796*** (0.0023) | 0.0780*** (0.0027) | 0.0855*** (0.0027) | 0.0949*** (0.0028) |
| ln(Team size) | | 0.0507*** (0.0017) | 0.0406*** (0.0017) | | 0.1037*** (0.0022) | 0.0872*** (0.0022) |
| Interdisciplinary team | | 0.6537*** (0.0023) | 0.6236*** (0.0023) | | 0.6652*** (0.0023) | 0.6314*** (0.0023) |
| International team | | 0.0140*** (0.0026) | 0.0175*** (0.0026) | | 0.0127*** (0.0026) | 0.0096*** (0.0026) |
| ln(Career age) | | | 0.0101*** (0.0019) | | | 0.0250*** (0.0024) |
| ln(#Past publications) | | | -0.0365*** (0.0017) | | | -0.0197*** (0.0019) |
| ln(#Past hit publications) | | | 0.0346*** (0.0013) | | | 0.0405*** (0.0013) |
| Funding | | | 0.3500*** (0.0030) | | | 0.3318*** (0.0031) |
| Focal field | | | -0.3319*** (0.0021) | | | -0.3924*** (0.0024) |
| Year FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Field FE | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Observations | 6,199,531 | 6,199,531 | 6,199,531 | 5,185,694 | 5,185,694 | 5,185,694 |
| R2 | 0.10669 | 0.12103 | 0.12655 | 0.09938 | 0.1158 | 0.12299 |

Note: robust standard errors are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.05$, ** $p < 0.01$, *** $p < 0.001$.

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