# Comparison

In the following conversation, please respond as if you were a psychological researcher and peer reviewer concerned with replicable, transparent, and reliable research. In the pdf documents you will find two papers. The first is the Preregistration (PREREG). The second is the Published study (PUBSTUD). Please work step by step.

* 1. I want you to **compare** the two documents. Follow this structure of the questions bellow, do not skip any number, and answer the SET of questions/tasks for the two texts. If you cannot find an information in one text, please state it (“NO Info”). Please be as critical as possible in your judgement. So, for each question/task state the question number, the first variable name (e.g MatchMI1) and then your answer. Do not summarize. Please be as critical as possible in your judgement/comparison and list even the slightest deviations. Keep the structure of the questions and the FORMAT-EXAMPLE at the end. Please make sure to explain and explicitly state what is different. The important differences sometimes lay in the wording! If you cannot find any justifications for the deviations, please also mention them.

Be careful about dependencies: depending on whether a variable was experimentally manipulated or not, certain questions must be answered or not. For instance, questions about the manipulation of a variable (e.g., MatchMI1) are only filled out when the variable is experimentally manipulated, while questions about measures (e.g., MatchIV1\_0-3) are only answered when the variable is not experimentally manipulated. If this is the case, write “Not applicable”. The same goes for when one variable (e.g third variable) is not part of the study then write “not applicable” to the items regarding this variable. Also note that only when an item/operationalization is (partially) reproducible for both the preregistration and the paper, evaluate its consistency (Y/N), otherwise if it is mentioned in none or in only one of them, also write “not applicable”.

* 1. At the end, after listing and explaining the main differences, give a global estimate about the consistency between the pre-registration and the published study on a scale from 0 (no consistency at all) to 5 (perfectly consistent).

Questions/tasks for both the Preregistered Paper (Prereg) <Pre….> and the Published Paper (Pubstud) <Pap…>:

1. Operationalization of Independent Variable 1, IV 1

1.1 MatchMI1: assess whether the manipulation of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 1 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. (Y/N)

1.2 MatchIV1\_0: assess whether the operationalization of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 1 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. Which measure is used [specification] (Y/N)

1.3 MatchIV1\_1: assess whether the operationalization of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 1 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The procedure of measurement (e.g., information about the administration of an EEG, IQ test, or personality scale) [procedure] (Y/N)

1.4 MatchIV1\_2: assess whether the operationalization of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 1 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The potential values of each component (e.g., the response options of individual items in a questionnaire) [values] (Y/N)

1.5 MatchIV1\_3: assess whether the operationalization of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 1 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The procedure how they will construct the composite from its elements (e.g., arithmetic mean, weighted mean, sum) [construction] (Y/N)

2. Operationalization of Independent Variable 2, IV 2

2.1 MatchMI2: Assess whether the manipulation of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 2 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. (Y/N)

2.2 MatchIV2\_0: Assess whether the operationalization of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 2 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. Which measure is used [specification] (Y/N)

2.3 MatchIV2\_1: Assess whether the operationalization of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 2 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. he procedure of measurement (e.g., information about the administration of an EEG, IQ test, or personality scale) [procedure] (Y/N)

2.4 MatchIV2\_2: Assess whether the operationalization of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 2 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The potential values of each component (e.g., the response options of individual items in a questionnaire) [values] (Y/N)

2.5 MatchIV2\_3: Assess whether the operationalization of INDEPENDENT VARIABLE 2 is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The procedure how they will construct the composite from its elements (e.g., arithmetic mean, weighted mean, sum) [construction] (Y/N)

3. Operationalization of Third Variable, TV

3.1 MatchMT: assess whether the manipulation of the THIRD VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. (Y/N)

3.2 MatchTV\_0: assess whether the operationalization of the THIRD VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. Which measure is used [specification] (Y/N)

3.3 MatchTV\_1: assess whether the operationalization of the THIRD VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The procedure of measurement (e.g., information about the administration of an EEG, IQ test, or personality scale) [procedure] (Y/N)

3.4 MatchTV\_2: assess whether the operationalization of the THIRD VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The potential values of each component (e.g., the response options of individual items in a questionnaire) [values] (Y/N)

3.5 MatchTV\_3: assess whether the operationalization of the THIRD VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The procedure how they will construct the composite from its elements (e.g., arithmetic mean, weighted mean, sum) [construction] (Y/N)

4. Operationalization of Dependent Variable, DV

4.1 MatchDV\_0: assess whether the operationalization of the DEPENDENT VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. Which measure is used [specification] (Y/N)

4.2 MatchDV\_1: please assess whether the operationalization of the DEPENDENT VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. he procedure of measurement (e.g., information about the administration of an EEG, IQ test, or personality scale) [procedure] (Y/N)

4.3 MatchDV\_2: assess whether the operationalization of the DEPENDENT VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The potential values of each component (e.g., the response options of individual items in a questionnaire) [values] (Y/N)

4.4 MatchDV\_3: assess whether the operationalization of the DEPENDENT VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The procedure how they will construct the composite from its elements (e.g., arithmetic mean, weighted mean, sum) [construction] (Y/N)

5. Operationalization of First Control Variable, CV

5.1 MatchMC: assess whether the manipulation of the FIRST CONTROL VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. (Y/N)

5.2 MatchCV\_0: assess whether the operationalization of the FIRST CONTROL VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. Which measure is used [specification] (Y/N)

5.3 MatchCV\_1: assess whether the operationalization of the FIRST CONTROL VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The procedure of measurement (e.g., information about the administration of an EEG, IQ test, or personality scale) [procedure] (Y/N)

5.4 MatchCV\_2: assess whether the operationalization of the FIRST CONTROL VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The potential values of each component (e.g., the response options of individual items in a questionnaire) [values] (Y/N)

5.5 MatchCV\_3: assess whether the operationalization of the FIRST CONTROL VARIABLE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The procedure how they will construct the composite from its elements (e.g., arithmetic mean, weighted mean, sum) [construction] (Y/N)

6. Operationalization of Data collection procedure, dcp

6.1 MatchDCP\_1: assess whether the DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The exact number of participants the authors want to include / included in the study [sample size] (Y/N)

6.2 MatchDCP\_2: assess whether the DATA COLLECTION PROCEDURE is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The exact time frame (i.e., period, not exact dates) and situation in which participants will be/were invited [sampling frame] (Y/N)

6.3 MatchIEC\_1: assess whether the INCLUSION / EXCLUSION CRITERIA to select PARTICIPANTS / DATA are consistent between the preregistration and the paper. (Y/N)

6.4 MatchIMD\_1: assess whether the way the study deals with INCOMPLETE OR MISSING DATA is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The definition of a missing case [definition] (Y/N)

6.5 MatchIMD\_2: assess whether the way the study deals with INCOMPLETE OR MISSING DATA is consistent between the preregistration and the paper.the procedure to handle missing cases (e.g., pairwise deletion, listwise deletion, imputation method, intention-to-treat method, full information method) [method] (Y/N)

7. Statistical Model, SM

7.1 MatchSM\_1: assess whether the STATISTICAL MODEL is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. the statistical model used (e.g., t-test, chi-squared test, linear / logistic regression, two-way ANOVA) [model] (Y/N)

7.2 MatchSM\_2: assess whether the STATISTICAL MODEL is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The relevant variables and their factor levels (including mediating, moderating, interacting, and control variables) [variables] (Y/N)

7.3 MatchSM\_3: assess whether the STATISTICAL MODEL is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. The manner in which the variables are used in the analysis (e.g., mean centered, SEM model specification including potential residual covariances, robust standard errors) [details] (Y/N)

7.4 MatchVSA\_1: assess whether the way the study handles VIOLATIONS OF STATISTICAL ASSUMPTIONS is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. Which assumptions are checked (e.g., normality, homoscedascity, linearity, homogeneity of variances, sphericity)? [which] (Y/N)

7.5 MatchVSA\_2: assess whether the way the study handles VIOLATIONS OF STATISTICAL ASSUMPTIONS is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. How the assumptions are checked (e.g., type of test like Levene’s test, alpha level)? [how] (Y/N)

7.6 MatchVSA\_3: assess whether the way the study handles VIOLATIONS OF STATISTICAL ASSUMPTIONS is consistent between the preregistration and the paper. What is done in cases of violations (e.g., transformations, non-parametric tests)? [deal] (Y/N)

7.7 MatchIC: assess whether the INFERENCE CRITERIA are consistent between the preregistration and the paper. (e.g., statistical significance, sidedness of the test, corrections formultiple testing, Bayesian criteria) (Y/N)

PLEASE go step by step and answer only AFTER COMPLETION (1.1 – 7.7)

<<FORMAT-EXAMPLE:  
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**7. Violations of statistical Assumptions, SA**

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7.4 MatchVSA\_1:

* **PREREG:** Assumptions checked include normality and homoscedasticity.
* **PUBSTUD:** Same assumptions.
* **Assessment:** Y

7.5 MatchVSA\_2:

* **PREREG:** Type of test specified (e.g., Levene’s test).
* **PUBSTUD:** Same type of test.
* **Assessment:** Y

7.6 MatchVSA\_3:

* **PREREG:** Procedure for dealing with violations includes transformations and non-parametric tests.
* **PUBSTUD:** Same procedure.
* **Assessment:** Y

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**Global Consistency Estimate**

Overall, the consistency between the preregistration and the published study is high. There are minor deviations mostly in sample size due to actual data collection exceeding the minimum planned. All other operationalizations and procedures remain consistent.

**Global Estimate:** 4.5 (on a scale from 0 to 5)

The main differences are due to the actual sample size in the published study being larger than the preregistered minimum, but the core aspects of the study design, variables, measures, and analyses are consistent.

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