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## Landing page

Hello \${e://Field/source\_first\_name} \${e://Field/source\_last\_name}! Thank you for taking our survey - it should take no more than a few minutes.

The [Laboratory for Innovation Science at Harvard University](#) developed this survey to better understand researchers' citing practices, and how these practices vary across fields. To this end we will ask you about two references in your paper:

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Pgs: \${e://Field/source\_page\_range}.

### Can you confirm that this is your paper?

- ☐ Yes, this is my paper
- ☐ No, exit the survey

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### Privacy and contact information

Participation in this survey is voluntary, and you may skip any questions you're unable or don't want to answer. The data we collect will be kept confidential and we will make every effort to protect your privacy. Your name will be stored separately from your responses, on a password-protected server managed by Harvard. **We won't use your name or other information that may identify you in any publications or presentations.** Data that include your name will be analyzed only by the research team to see that the research is done properly. Anonymous data, such as your (de-identified) ratings of particular articles, may be shared with the academic community via a public data repository.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact research team lead Misha Teplitskiy, PhD, at [citingsurvey@iq.harvard.edu](mailto:citingsurvey@iq.harvard.edu). This research has been reviewed by the Committee on the Use of Human Subjects in Research at Harvard University. They can be reached at 617-496-2847, 1414 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge, MA 02138, or [cuhs@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:cuhs@fas.harvard.edu).

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## Do you remember this reference?

- ☐ Yes, I added this reference
- ☐ Yes, a co-author added this reference
- ☐ No, continue to next reference

**target\_1\_form\_A**

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"`{e://Field/target_title}`." `{e://Field/target_journal}`. Pgs: `{e://Field/target_page_range}`.

**How well do you know this paper?**

- ☐ **Not well** (only familiar with main findings)
- ☐ **Slightly well** (familiar with all findings, data & methods)
- ☐ **Well** (familiar with all findings, data & methods, some limitations)
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**Which aspects of your paper did this reference influence? (Mark all that apply)**

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<b>Generalizability</b> (easily applicable to other contexts)						<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Significance</b> (addressed an important topic)						<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Validity</b> (designed and performed very well, produced very credible results)						<input type="checkbox"/>
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area)

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**Significance**  
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**How much expertise do you have in the topic(s) of this reference?**

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- ☐ **Extremely well** (know it as well as my own work)
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**demographic information and freetext comments****What was your academic rank/position in \${e://Field/source\_pubyear}?**

- ☐ Professor
- ☐ Associate Professor
- ☐ Assistant Professor
- ☐ Instructor or lecturer
- ☐ Research Scientist
- ☐ Research Associate
- ☐ Postdoctoral fellow
- ☐ Graduate student
- ☐ Other, please specify

**What is your gender?**

- ☐ Male
- ☐ Female
- ☐ Other

**Briefly describe what most influenced the research choices in your paper** (e.g. what led to your choice of theory/method or motivated the project?)

A large, empty rectangular text box with a thin gray border, intended for a respondent to provide a brief description of what influenced their research choices. The box is positioned below the question and above the footer.

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