**Replication Package Reporting Standard v1.0** – What to include in the README file

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| Data | 1 | Cite all source data used in the paper, following journal guidelines. |  |
| Software | 2 | Citation of software packages is also encouraged. |  |
| Dependencies | | | |
| Data | 3 | (a) For econometric, simulation, and experimental papers, include description sufficient to access all data at their original source location. (b) Provide a data availability statement covering both the source data and any derivative data. It may additionally be provided as part of online appendices. (c) The data availability statement shall provide detailed information on how, where, and under what conditions an independent researcher can access the original source data, as well as author-generated derivative data, and must be explicit and accurate about any restrictions, requirements, payments, and processing delays. (d) The data availability statement shall provide information to assure the reader that the data are available for a sufficiently long period of time. |  |
| Software | 4 | (a) List all software packages, libraries, toolboxes that you use with instructions on how to install them. |  |
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| Instructions | 6 | Provide description sufficient to allow all programs to be run. |  |
| Data list | 7 | List all the data sets used with their bibliographic citation, referring to their specific file names if included. |  |
| Exhibit list | 8 | (a) Create a list of exhibits and state which one is produced by which script. (b) If a script creates multiple exhibits, point to the exact line number. |  |
| The README document | | | |
| Format | 9 | (a) The README document should list the title and authors of the replication package, its preparation date, and clear reference to the journal article to which it belongs. (b) Follow the schema provided by the Social Science Data Editors template README. (c) Common formats are txt, PDF, and Markdown. The README file should not require proprietary software to view. |  |