

# CompeteGrok Analysis Report

**Query:** “” do a deep research on merger controls papers in IO economics and antitrust. focus on top econ journals (general and field journals). also focus on good preprint outlets such as NBER and CEPR “”

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## Final Synthesis on Merger Controls Research

Integrating the EconPaper outputs: Merger control literature has evolved from theoretical paradoxes (e.g., Salant 1983 QJE) to advanced empirics (Nevo 2000 RAND) and policy tools like UPP (Salop 2009). Key finding: Mergers often harm competition, but efficiencies can mitigate (Farrell-Shapiro 1990 AER). Recent NBER/CEPR emphasize digital/labor effects (e.g., Azar 2018, Benmelech 2024).

This is a self-contained deep dive—ready for use! If debating revisions or extensions, let me know.

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$$E = mc^2$$