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Dr. Chin,

We wish to submit our research article, “QWERTY: We like easy words to type” as a general interest psychology article. In March of 2012, Jasmin and Cassanto published research on the QWERTY effect in *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review* indicating that people like words that are predominantly typed with the right hand. This article was picked up and published widely on *Wired, The Atlantic, Scientific American, e! Science News,* and *The New Scientist.* Our study examines the right-handed preference effect in a new light – in line with recent publications in embodied cognition – to show that people actually prefer words that are easier to type, rather than simply right-handed. We believe this article is easily accessible to a wide audience and would make a nice contrast to *Science*’s recent research publications on genetics, space, and physics. This work has not been published and is not currently under submission elsewhere.

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