

Balance Tests in Papers

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```
# Number of papers by journal
group_by(sample, Journal) %>%
summarize(n = n()) %>%
kable()
```

Journal	n
AJPS	75
APSR	45
JOP	30

```
# Number of papers by experimental design
n_designs <- group_by(sample, `Experimental Design`) %>%
summarize(n = n())
kable(n_designs)
```

Experimental Design	n
Natural experiment	42
Randomized experiment	84
Regression discontinuity	24

```
# Proportion of papers that report balance test
group_by(sample, `Balance tests`) %>%
summarize(prop = n()/150) %>%
kable(digits = 2)
```

Balance tests	prop
No	0.48
Yes	0.52

```
# Proportion of papers by experimental design that report balance test
group_by(sample, `Experimental Design`, `Balance tests`) %>%
summarize(n1 = n()) %>%
right_join(n_designs) %>%
mutate(prop = n1/n ) %>%
select(`Experimental Design`, `Balance tests`, prop) %>%
spread(`Balance tests`, prop) %>%
kable(digits = 2)
```

```
## `summarise()` has grouped output by 'Experimental Design'. You can override using the `.groups` argument
## Joining, by = "Experimental Design"
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Experimental Design	No	Yes
Natural experiment	0.62	0.38
Randomized experiment	0.44	0.56
Regression discontinuity	0.38	0.62

Among those that report balance tests, the proportion that use some version of an omnibus test rather

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balance_tests <- sample %>% filter (`Balance tests` == "Yes")
n_balance <- nrow(balance_tests)
group_by(balance_tests, `p-value`) %>%
summarize(prop = n()/n_balance ) %>%
kable(digits = 2)
```

p-value	prop
Both	0.06
covariate-by-covariate	0.56
Omnibus	0.19
NA	0.18

```
# Papers that discuss prognostic importance of covariates
group_by(balance_tests, `is covariate prognostic`) %>%
summarize(prop = n()/n_balance ) %>%
kable(digits = 2)
```

is covariate prognostic	prop
No	0.87
Yes	0.13

```
# Papers that include the lagged DV in the balance test
group_by(balance_tests, `lagged DV`) %>%
summarize(prop = n()/n_balance) %>%
kable(digits = 2)
```

lagged DV	prop
No	0.82
Yes	0.18