

Preregistration

# (Re)Building Trust? Investigating the effects of open science badges on perceived trustworthiness of journal articles.

## [EXPANSION: Public Sample]

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### Study Information

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| <b>Description</b> | This study is an expansion to (Schneider, Rosman, Kelava, & Merk, 2020), in which we investigated the effects of open science badges in journal articles on trust in scientists. Since college students are a population that engage with scientific studies on a regular basis, the sample of the first study focused on this population. |
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Among other results, the study revealed an effect of open science badges on trust in scientists.

In two expansion studies we investigate the robustness of the effects over other populations (external validity). This study expands the investigation to include a sample of the public in the United Kingdom.

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## Hypotheses

1. Confirmatory, H1: Visible OSP (vs. not visible vs. visibly non-OSP) influence the perceived trustworthiness (subscale integrity). Our assumption: The more openness, the more trustworthy with small to moderate effects:  $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \mu_3$ . With the **bain** (Gu, Hoijtink, Mulder, & Lissa, 2019) package we will evaluate the following informative hypotheses using Bayes factors:
  1.  $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \mu_3$
  2.  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu_3$
  3.  $\mu_1 < \mu_2 = \mu_3$
  4.  $\mu_1, \mu_2, \mu_3$
2. Confirmatory, H2: The higher the topic specific multiplism, the lower the perceived trustworthiness (subscale integrity). Negative correlation.
3. Exploratory, H3: Topic specific multiplism moderates the effect of OSP on perceived trustworthiness (subscale integrity).
4. Exploratory, H4: Visible OSP (vs. not visible vs. visibly non-OSP) have a negative effect on topic specific multiplism.

## Design Plan

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**Study type**      *Wording taken from OSF preregistration forms, since they are closed questions:*

**Experiment.** A researcher randomly assigns treatments to study subjects, this includes field or lab experiments. This is also known as an intervention experiment and includes randomized controlled trials.

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**Blinding**      *Wording taken from OSF preregistration forms, since they are closed questions:*

- For studies that involve human subjects, they will not know the treatment group to which they have been assigned.
- Personnel who interact directly with the study subjects (either human or non-human subjects) will not be aware of the assigned treatments.

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**Study design**      The design will include three conditions:

- colored open science badges (CB)
- grayed out open science badges (GB)
- control condition with no badges (CC).

Two of the (three) conditions are randomly chosen and randomized in their order within person. We use this planned missing design to prevent experimental leakage.

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## Randomization

- Randomization 1: Two of the three conditions will be randomly assigned to the participants.
- Randomization 2: The order of presentation will be randomized between the two conditions, within the participant.
- Randomization 3: Within each of the six combinations of randomization 1 & 2, we will randomize the order of the topic.

## Sampling Plan

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**Existing data**      *Wording taken from OSF preregistration forms, since they are closed questions:*

**Registration prior to collection of data**

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| <b>Explanation of existing data</b> | None.   |
| <b>Data collection procedures</b>   | <p>Our goal is to obtain a sample from the UK public population based on quota (target estimates taken from the latest UK Census in 2011). The online survey will be administered by the Leibniz Institute for Psychology Information and includes the following quota:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Biological sex <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– male</li> <li>– female</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Age <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 3 levels in range 16-79</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– 3 levels</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
| <b>Sample size rationale</b>        | <p>We refer to the power analysis of the first study, as the design and hypotheses are the same. Preregistration see <a href="https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/YBS7F">https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/YBS7F</a>.</p>   |
| <b>Stopping rule</b>                | Based on the power analysis we aim at N= 250.   |

## Variables

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| <b>Manipulated variables</b> | <p><b>Conditions</b></p> <p>Participants will be presented two translational abstracts (see <a href="#">APA guidance</a>) addressing the topics “Moral Development” and “Acceptability of Robot-Assisted Therapy”. We took these from the APA-guidance paper on translational abstracts indicating they are good-practice examples. The abstracts were integrated into a journal article style title page and will be presented as either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CB condition: Subjects receive a title page of an empirical study (Title, Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, ...) together with three Open Science</li> </ul> |
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- CC: Subjects receive a title page of an empirical study (Title, Abstract, Keywords, Introduction, ...) with no further information on Open Science, reflecting a “standard” journal article. We used the same type of hints in style of speech bubbles to explain the general structure of title pages of scientific journal papers.

As participants are exposed to more than one condition, we create all three conditions for the two different empirical studies (topics). In doing so, we avoid participants to see one study topic twice under different conditions, which would undermine the blinding.

### **Order of topic**

Randomly varied.

### **Conditions**

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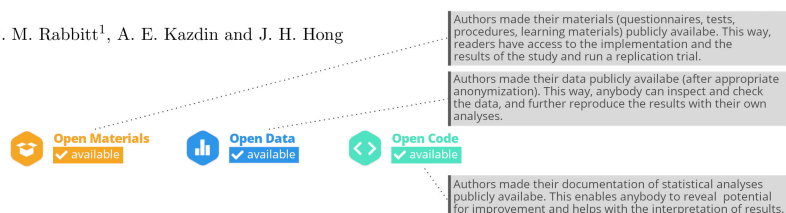
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## Measured variables

- Trustworthiness: We apply the Muenster Epistemic Trustworthiness Inventory (Hendriks, Kienhues, & Bromme, 2015) with all three subscales. However as dependent variable we will only employ the subscale

integrity. The other two subscales may be used for further exploratory analyses.

- Topic-specific multiplism: We apply an established scale on the topic specific multiplism (Merk, Rosman, Rueß, Syring, & Schneider, 2017).
- Topic-specific consistency: We apply the established three item-measure (Merk et al., 2017)
- Treatment check (treatment-specific): We measure the perceived openness/transparency of the empirical study (Schneider et al., 2020).
- Treatment check (global): We assess whether participants evaluate explanations of badges to be comprehensible, whether participants read the explanations and whether they perceive the explanations had an effect on their evaluations of authors (Schneider et al., 2020).
- Additional small set of demographic variables will be assessed.

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| <b>Indices</b> | We are going to built sum scores for the METI dimensions. |
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## Analysis Plan

We will compute Approximate Adjusted Fractional Bayes Factors for informative Hypotheses (Gu et al., 2019).

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| <b>Statistical models</b> | Parallel to first study (Schneider et al., 2020). |
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| <b>Transformations</b> | None planned. |
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| <b>Inference criteria</b> | $BF < \frac{1}{3}$ or $BF > 3$ |
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| <b>Data exclusion</b> | Implausible (consistent) responses and participants taking less than 5 minutes for the survey may be eliminated for the analyses. The reasoning and decision to eliminate these participants will be made prior to data analysis and reported in disseminations. |
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| <b>Missing data</b> | Multiple imputation will be used. |
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| <b>Exploratory analyses (optional)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hypothesis 3: BF Moderation Analysis will be conducted with visible OSP (vs. not visible vs. visibly non-OSP) as predictor, topic specific multiplism as moderator and perceived trust (subscale integrity) as dependent variable</li> <li>• Hypothesis 4: BF analysis with visible OSP (vs. not visible vs. visibly non-OSP) as predictor and topic specific multiplism as dependent variable will be computed</li> </ul> |
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## Other

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### Other (Optional)

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