

Initial email

Subject: Institute for Replication (I4R) and GiveWell; Seeking Information on Reproducing Your Paper(s)

Dear Authors,

We at the [Institute for Replication \(I4R\)](#) are working in collaboration with [GiveWell](#) to reproduce key studies used to direct donations to initiatives considered high-impact and cost-effective. In particular, we are looking at the Meta Study entitled **{{MetaStudy}}** found here: **{{MetaStudy DOI}}**.

The following paper(s) with you as a coauthor, if not the corresponding author, have been used in that study:

"**{{Paper(s)}}**".

Ultimately, we'd like to reproduce *all* those studies. At the very least, and likely applying to older studies, we'd like to have confirmation that they cannot be reproduced.

We are hopeful you could guide us on your aforementioned study. We have created a survey [here](#) which we hope to track all of the responses. The questions asked are also posted following this email, if you'd rather respond directly to us. This might be more appropriate if there are multiple studies you are involved in.

Sincerely,

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Survey from bottom of email

Questions from Our Survey on **{{MetaStudy}}**

1. Identifiers
 1. Paper from the Meta Study
2. Data Availability
 1. Is the data used in your study readily available or publicly posted?

2. Would it be possible to acquire the data?
 3. If it is difficult to acquire data, could you please explain why?
3. Program/Code Availability
 1. Are the programs/code you used readily available?
 2. Would it be possible to acquire your code/programs?
 3. If it is difficult to acquire your programs/codes, could you please explain why?
4. Reproduction
 1. If a Ph.D. researcher had both data and code, would it be possible to computationally reproduce your study (i.e., run the codes and reproduce your results) ?
 2. If not, what makes it difficult to reproduce some of the results from your paper?

Follow-up email

Subject Line: Follow Up Email; Institute for Replication (I4R) and GiveWell; Reproducing Your Paper(s)

Dear Authors,

I sent an email a little over a month ago seeking your input on this study. While we've had many emails delivered and read, we have had considerably fewer email responses or survey answers.

We would be grateful if you could help us better gauge the interest in this work with your response. The previous email details and survey follow my signature below.

Happy Holidays,

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