

Good Citation Practice

Introduction

Scorpions are efficient predators that accept a wide variety of prey (Polis & McCormick, 1986; McCormick & Polis, 1990). Most species are nocturnal and hunt prey by the use of a sit and wait strategy, where they are located in the opening of the scorpion's pincers, either inside or just outside it. Only a few species are reported to actively hunt prey away from their hiding place (McCormick & Polis, 1990).

The ecological aspects of prey capture and foraging in scorpions have been thoroughly investigated by the late Gary Polis and associates (see Polis, 1990 and McCormick & Polis, 1990 for a review). Also, the sensory-physiological aspects of prey capture are well documented by the studies by Philip Brownell, Douglas Gaffin and others (see reviews in Brownell, 2001 and Gaffin & Brownell, 2001). The behavioral aspects of prey capture have been less documented and most studies have been anecdotal in nature, or just have included brief descriptions of prey capture for different species (see McCormick & Polis, 1990 for a review). One exception is Bub & Bowerman's (1979) study on prey capture in *Hadrurus arizonensis* Ewing, 1928 (Thuridae). In this study, the different behavioral components involved in the prey capture were identified and discussed. Cushing & Matherne (1980) and Casper (1985) have also provided some quantitative data for some of the behavioral components of the prey capture sequence.

The purpose of this paper is to present a quantitative analysis of the behavior components involved in prey capture in *Parabuthus leitosoma* (Ehrenberg, 1828) and *Parabuthus pallidus* Pocock, 1895 from East Africa.

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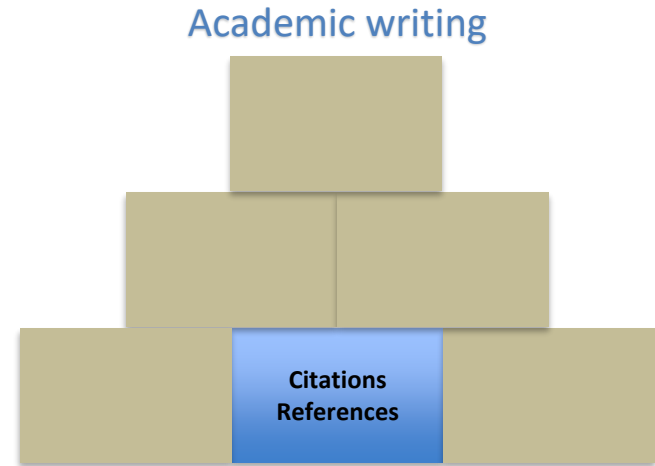
Why should we cite in academic writing?

Good citation practice is a cornerstone in academic writing.

The reference list in your manuscript is important. Both editors, censors and peer reviewers will early pay attention to this.

Why?

- Previous research is often the foundation of your ideas and work.
- Good citation practice shows good scientific behaviour.
- Good citation practice helps your reader understand and investigate your work.
- Good citation practice prevents the dispersion of scientific errors and bad science ("The Whisper Game").



Why should we cite in academic writing?

Academic works are usually based on:

- General/Common Knowledge
- Other's ideas
- My own ideas



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Plagiarism:

Used first by the Roman poet Martial (38-104 AD) in frustration over other poets using his work as their own. Latin *plagiarius* means "kidnapper" (someone who ensnares children or slaves in a plaga or net).

"Fame has it that you, Fidentinus, recite my books to the crowd as if none other than your own. If you're willing that they be called mine, I'll send you the poems for free. If you want them to be called yours, buy this one, so that they won't be mine."

Plagiarism – Main types:

- Fraud (intentionally using others work).
- Failure to cite or cite correctly.
- Failure to quote correctly.



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"The Academic Whisper Game"

- Transferring information from source to source without checking the primary source. → May lead to errors and quite serious consequences.
- Is the cause of several famous academic urban myths.



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effects of envenomation in Iraq. Bouisset and Larrouy (1962) wrote that while *Scorpion maurus* Linneus, 1758, a species widely distributed in southern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa, caused only "benign" effects by its sting in France, fatalities due to this species had been reported in Algeria. As the species has never been clearly defined, it may be that some of the "subspecies" found in Africa may possess venoms far more potent than that of the *S. maurus* recognized in Europe. While scorpion sting is not an important medical problem in Australia, Scorpion (1974)

"The academic whisper game"
The "dangerous" scorpion
Scorpio maurus.

Keegan HL. Scorpions of Medical Importance. London: Fitzgerald; 1998. p. 119

Venom poisoning by « *Scorpio maurus* » and « *Buthus occitanus* » in the Tlemcen department.

In the course of a survey carried out at the north-western border of Algeria, the authors confirm that venom poisoning by scorpion sting is a frequent accident, but that there may exist areas in which Arthropods are specially poisonous. Venom poisoning by *Buthus occitanus* is most often benign, but there exist severe cases, in which serotherapy and analgic treatment should be immediately applied. With *Scorpio maurus*, venom poisoning is usually benign.

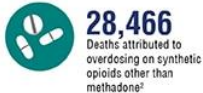
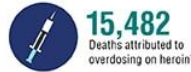
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"US Opioid Epidemics"

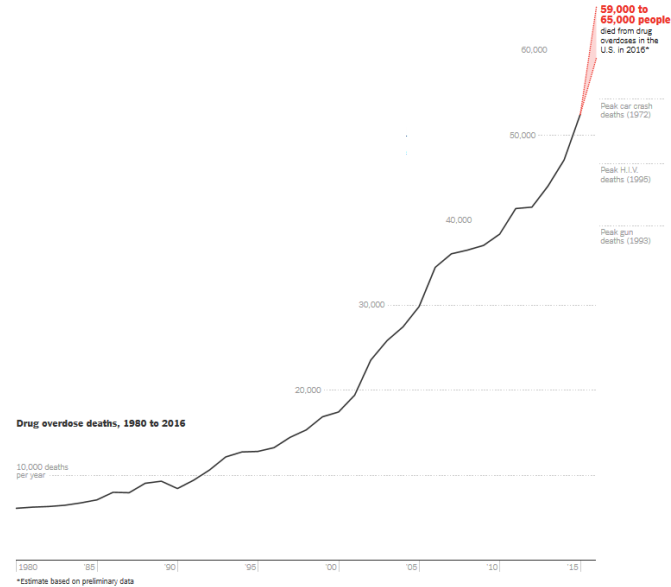
How bad citation practice contributed to extensive opioid abuse and deaths in USA.

THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC BY THE NUMBERS



SOURCES

- 2017 National Survey on Drug Use and Health, Mortality in the United States, 2016
- NCHS Data Brief No. 329, November 2018
- NCIS, National Vital Statistics System. Estimates for 2017 and 2018 are based on provisional data.



Source: <https://www.hhs.gov/opioids/about-the-epidemic/index.html>

Source: Katz, J. Drug Deaths in America Are Rising Faster Than Ever. New York Times. June 5th, 2017.

Why should we cite in academic writing?

Editor's Note (added May 31, 2017): For reasons of public health, readers should be aware that this letter has been "heavily and uncritically cited" as evidence that addiction is rare with opioid therapy. Leung et al. describe its history.

CORRESPONDENCE ARCHIVE

Addiction Rare in Patients Treated with Narcotics

January 10, 1980
N Engl J Med 1980; 302:123
DOI: 10.1056/NEJM198001103020221

Recently, we examined our current files to determine the incidence of narcotic addiction in 39,946 hospitalized medical patients¹ who were monitored consecutively. Although there were 11,882 patients who received at least one narcotic preparation, there were only four cases of reasonably well documented addiction in patients who had no history of addiction. The addiction was considered major in only one instance. The drugs implicated were meperidine in two patients,² Percodan in one, and hydromorphone in one. We conclude that despite widespread use of narcotic drugs in hospitals, the development of addiction is rare in medical patients with no history of addiction.

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TIME

Less Pain, More Gain

By SAM ALLIS BOSTON | Sunday, June 24, 2001

medicine, is basically unwarranted. A landmark study, published in 1982, followed almost 12,000 Boston hospital patients who had been given narcotic pain-killers. After eliminating those with a history of addiction, researchers found that only four became addicted to the drugs they received as patients. "You don't see cancer patients running around robbing shopping malls to support their habits," notes Carr.

Cancer pain relief and palliative care

Report of a WHO Expert Committee
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World Health Organization, Geneva 1990

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

February 1990 Volume 262 Number 2

The Tragedy of Needless Pain

Contrary to popular belief, the author says, morphine taken solely to control pain is not addictive. Yet patients worldwide continue to be undertreated and to suffer unnecessary agony

by Ronald Melzack

of addiction. In an extensive study Jane B. Porter and Hershel Jick of the Boston University Medical Center followed up on 11,882 patients who were given narcotics to relieve pain stemming from various medical problems; none of the subjects had a history of drug dependence. The team found that only four of the patients subsequently abused drugs, and in only one case was the abuse considered major.

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Quote	Reference
"This pain population with no abuse history is literally at no risk for addiction."	Kowal N. What is the issue?: pseudoaddiction or undertreatment of pain. Nurs Econ 1998;17(6):348–9
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"Fear of addiction may lead to reluctance by the physician to prescribe. [...] However, there is no evidence that this occurs when prescribing opioids for pain."	Iles S, Catterall JR, Hanks G. Use of opioid analgesics in a patient with chronic abdominal pain. Int J Clin Pract 2002;56(3):227–8.
"In reality, medical opioid addiction is very rare. In Porter and Jick's study on patients treated with narcotics, only four of the 11,882 cases showed psychological dependency."	Liu W, Xie S, Yue L, et al. Investigation and analysis of oncologists' knowledge of morphine usage in cancer pain treatment. Onco Targets Ther 2014;7:729–37.
"Physicians are frequently concerned about the potential for addiction when prescribing opiates; however, there have been studies suggesting that addiction rarely evolves in the setting of painful conditions."	Curtis LA, Morrell TD, Todd KH. Pain Management in the Emergency Department 2006;8(7).

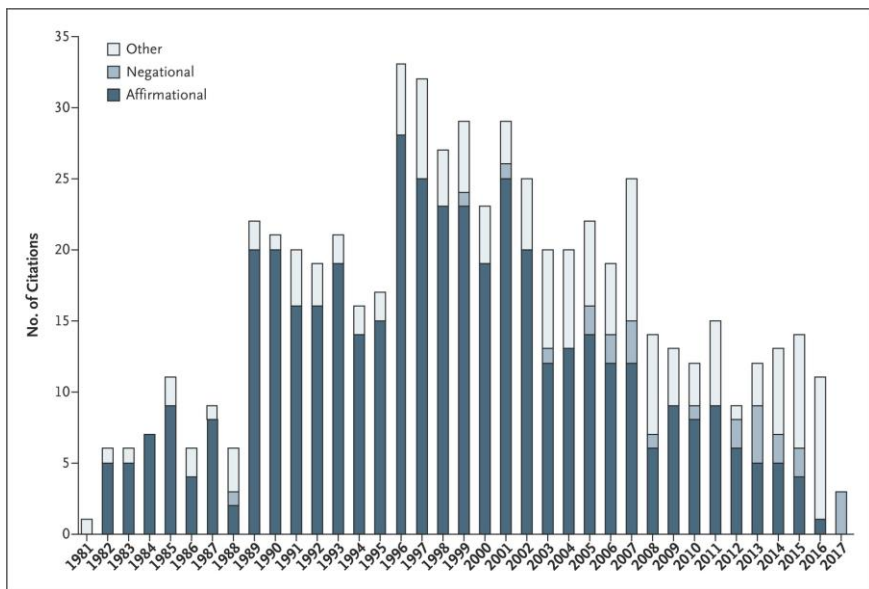
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"Although medicine generally regards anecdotal information with disdain (rigorously controlled double-blind clinical trials are the "gold standard"), solid data on the low risk of addiction to opioid analgesics and the manageability of adverse side effects have been ignored or discounted in favor of the anecdotal, the scientifically unsupported, and the clearly fallacious."	Rich BA. Prioritizing pain management in patient care. Has the time come for a new approach. Postgrad Med 2001;110(3):15–7.
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In conclusion, we found that a five-sentence letter published in the *Journal* in 1980 was heavily and uncritically cited as evidence that addiction was rare with long-term opioid therapy. We believe that this citation pattern contributed to the North American opioid crisis by helping to shape a narrative that allayed prescribers' concerns about the risk of addiction associated with long-term opioid therapy.

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General/Common knowledge:

General common knowledge or field-specific common knowledge consist of well-established and reliable facts. **This kind of information needs no citations.**

Example:

The earth is round.



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NB! If you are in doubt, be cautious and cite the source!

When and how often should you cite?

Common knowledge:

Which of the following statements would be considered common knowledge? Which would need to be cited?

1. The Big Bang theory posits that the universe began billions of years ago with an enormous explosion.
2. The phrase “Big Bang” was coined by Sir Fred Hoyle, an English astronomer. Hoyle used the term to mock the theory, which he disagreed with.
3. According to the Big Bang model, the initial explosion was produced when an infinitely hot, dense center referred to as a singularity, began to expand, giving rise to the particles that eventually formed into our universe.

Source: Academic Integrity at MIT (<https://integrity.mit.edu/handbook/citing-your-sources/what-common-knowledge>)

Why should we cite in academic writing?

Spinach is a major, important source for iron!



Original text taken from Larsson, 1995, p. 448–449:

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My new text:

Growing up with the popular Popeye cartoons, I learned to eat spinach because I would get very strong and healthy due to its high iron content. This has turned out to be a myth caused by a misplaced comma in a research articles in the 1930s giving spinach a much higher iron content than was the case **(HOW DO I CITE THIS?)**.

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My own painstaking analysis of the original Popeye newspaper comic strip cartoons¹⁷ reveals quite clearly that Segar chose spinach as the source of Popeye's power because of its high vitamin A content (see: Fig. 3).



Fig. 3. Segar July 3rd 1932

Source: Sutton, 2010 (p. 13).

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Plagiarism:

To present other peoples work and/or ideas as your own.

Very serious mistake in research and academic writing. May destroy you career.



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When is it plagiarism?

- ✓ Using text written by others
- ✓ Stealing others theories, methods etc.
- ✓ Using references from others work
- ✓ Self-plagiarism



Source: CCO

Using others work and citing correctly

1) Direct citation/quote

2) Paraphrasing/indirect quote

3) Summary

Direct citation/quote

- Use this only if the language is especially clear or expressive and/or taken from an expert or authority in the field.
- Don't use quotes too often, only when the wording is especially powerful.
- Excessive use of quotes is considered plagiarism (even though cited correctly).

Source: Academic Integrity at MIT (<https://integrity.mit.edu/handbook/academic-writing/avoiding-plagiarism-quoting>) [In part]

Direct citation/quote

You must clearly show your reader that you are quoting:

1. Name the source in an introductory phrase.
2. Provide page number for the quote in the introductory phrase or in the end.
3. Use quotation marks around the quote or indent long quotations.
4. Be sure that your quote is identical with the original.
5. If you modify the quote, you must inform your readers.
5. Cite the source correctly in the reference list.

If you fail to do this correctly, it is plagiarism.

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Direct citation/quote Example 1 & 2

America, for example, Ochoa et al (2013: 108) wrote about descriptions of *Chactopsis yanomami* Lourenço et al., 2011: “*The original diagnosis and description of this species are uninformative and do not permit a satisfactory comparison with its congeners*”. Outside the South

Source: Kovarik F. Notes on the Genera Buthacus, Compsobuthus, and Lanzatus with Several Synonymies and Corrections of Published Characters (Scorpiones: Buthidae). Euscopus 2018: 1-12.



Quote is in italics and surrounded by quotation marks. In addition, the source is named and cited properly in the start of the sentence (with page number).

Sigmund Freud, in *Moses and Monotheism*, maintains that the effect of a traumatic event does not necessarily appear right after the accident, but may take several weeks or months to manifest. He argues:

It may happen that a man who has experienced some frightful accident—a railway collision, for instance—leaves the scene of the event apparently uninjured. In the course of the next few weeks, however, he develops a number of severe psychical and motor symptoms which can only be traced to his shock, the concussion or whatever else it was. (Freud, 1990, XIII: 309)



Source: WritingCenter@UTDallas.edu.



Quote (long quote) is placed in an indented paragraph. In addition source is named in the start of the sentence and cited properly in the end of the paragraph.

Direct citation/quote – Example 3

Authors' conclusions

The failure of vitamin C supplementation to reduce the incidence of colds in the general population indicates that routine vitamin C supplementation is not justified, yet vitamin C may be useful for people exposed to brief periods of severe physical exercise. Regular supplementation trials have shown that vitamin C reduces the duration of colds, but this was not replicated in the few therapeutic trials that have been carried out. Nevertheless, given the consistent effect of vitamin C on the duration and severity of colds in the regular supplementation studies, and the low cost and safety, it may be worthwhile for common cold patients to test on an individual basis whether therapeutic vitamin C is beneficial for them. Further therapeutic RCTs are warranted.

Kilde: Hemila, H. and E. Chalker (2013). "Vitamin C for preventing and treating the common cold." [The Cochrane database of systematic reviews\(1\): Cd000980](#).

Example 1:

Many peoples, including myself, take regularly extra Vitamin C as dietary supplement in the belief that this will protect against common cold or contribute to a milder disease course. **A meta-analysis has recently revealed that all money spent on Vitamin C tablets have been wasted: The failure of vitamin C supplementation to reduce the incidence of colds in the general population indicates that routine vitamin C supplementation is not justified, yet vitamin C may be useful for people exposed to brief periods of severe physical exercise (Hemilä & Chalker 2013) .**

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Example 2:

Many peoples, including myself, take regularly extra Vitamin C as dietary supplement in the belief that this will protect against common cold or contribute to a milder disease course. **Hemilä & Chalker (2013) have published a meta-analysis with a conclusion that reveal that the money spent on Vitamin C tablets may have been wasted: "The failure of vitamin C supplementation to reduce the incidence of colds in the general population indicates that routine vitamin C supplementation is not justified, yet vitamin C may be useful for people exposed to brief periods of severe physical exercise" (p. 2).**

Direct citation/quote Example 4 & 5

Modifying a direct quote:

"Scorpions are notorious for their stinging behaviour and powerful venoms ... As yet, there have been no controlled or quantitative studies of sting use" (Rein, 1993, p. 60)

Use ... if you need to omit a word or words from a quote.

"Scorpions are notorious for their stinging [*sic*] behaviour and *powerful* [italics added] venoms ... As yet, there have been no controlled or quantitative studies of sting use" (Rein, 1993, p. 60)

Use [*sic*] if you need to indicate a misspelling or grammatical error or use [] if you need to add a word or words to a quote or need to change the formatting. Words should be added only for explanatory reasons and formatting should only be done to emphasize a word or a phrase.

Paraphrasing

Taking the words of another source and restating them, using your own vocabulary

You keep the meaning of the original text, but do not copy its exact wording. Some call paraphrasing indirect quoting. In academic writing you will paraphrase more often than you will quote.

Paraphrasing

Strategies for paraphrasing:

- ✓ Read the original paragraph thoroughly.
- ✓ Identify main ideas/topics.
- ✓ Rephrase using your own words.
- ✓ Use synonyms for non-generic words.
- ✓ Change the structure of the sentences.
- ✓ Change voice from active to passive and vice versa.
- ✓ The paraphrased text should have the same length as the original or a little shorter.
- ✓ Always include a citation to show the source of the paraphrased text (or it will be plagiarism).

Paraphrasing – Example 1

Original

A grid cell is a place-modulated neuron whose multiple firing locations define a periodic triangular array covering the entire available surface of an open two-dimensional environment. Grid cells are thought to form an essential part of the brain's coordinate system for metric navigation. They have attracted attention because the crystal-like structure underlying their firing fields is not imported from the outside world, but created within the nervous system.

Source: Moser, E. & Moser M. B. (2007), Scholarpedia, 2(7):3394.

New text 1

According to Moser et al. (2007) a grid cell is a place-modulated neuron whose multiple firing locations define a periodic triangular array covering the entire available surface of an open two-dimensional environment

Paraphrasing - Example 2

Original

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New text 2

According to Moser et al. (2007) a grid cell is a place-modulated neuron with several firing locations defining a periodic triangular array covering the whole surface of an open two-dimensional environment

Paraphrasing - Example 3

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New text 3

According to Moser et al. (2007), **grid** cells represent a type of neurons with many responsive **locations** that together make up a grid of an **environment** with two dimensions.

Paraphrasing - Example 4

Original

A **grid** cell is a place-modulated neuron whose multiple firing **locations** define a periodic triangular array covering the entire available surface of an open two-dimensional **environment**. Grid cells are thought to form an essential part of the brain's **coordinate system** for metric **navigation**. They have attracted attention because the **crystal-like structure** underlying their **firing fields** is not imported from the outside world, but created within the **nervous system**.

Source: Moser, E. & Moser M. B. (2007), Scholarpedia, 2(7):3394.

New text 4

Grid cells represent a type of neurons with many responsive **locations** that together make up a grid of an **environment** with two dimensions. They are considered a vital component of the **coordinate system** for **navigation**. The fascinating **crystal-like structures** in their **firing fields** are formed in the **nervous system** itself (Moser et al. 2007)

Summary

A synthesis of the main content and ideas of a text, restated in your own words.

What is the difference between paraphrasing and summarizing?

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Summary

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- ✓ Read the paragraph thoroughly.
- ✓ Identify main ideas/topics.
- ✓ Write a paraphrased sentence for each idea/topic.
- ✓ Combine the paraphrased sentences to one sentence.
- ✓ Present the information neutrally.
- ✓ The resulting text should be significantly shorter than the original.
- ✓ Always include a citation to show the source of the summarized text (or it will be plagiarism).

Summary - Example 1

Original

A grid cell is a place-modulated neuron whose multiple firing locations define a periodic triangular array covering the entire available surface of an open two-dimensional environment. Grid cells are thought to form an essential part of the brain's coordinate system for metric navigation. They have attracted attention because the crystal-like structure underlying their firing fields is not imported from the outside world, but created within the nervous system.

Source: Moser, E. & Moser M. B. (2007), Scholarpedia, 2(7):3394.

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According to Moser et al. (2007), grid cells represent a type of neurons in the brain that allows animals to understand their position in space.

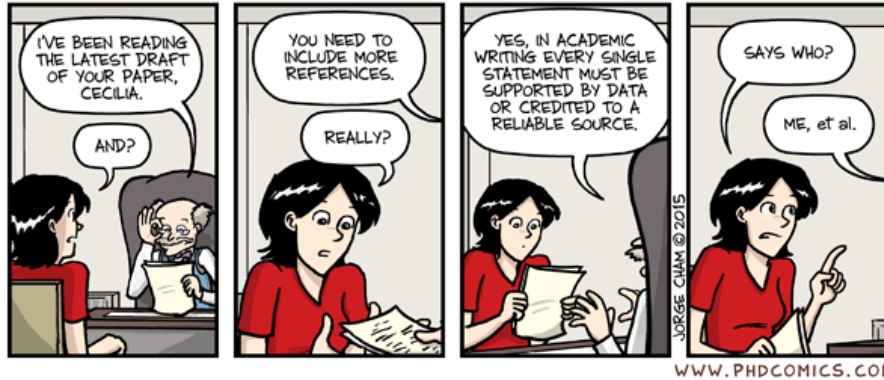
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1 | INTRODUCTION

Rapid warming and ocean acidification are considered two of the most important threats to marine biodiversity in the coming centuries (Macleán & Wilson, 2011). Although the CO₂-concentration (fCO₂) and temperature are expected to rise together in the future ocean, most effect studies on climate change have only focused on the isolated effects of changes in these stressors (Kroeker et al., 2013). However, this approach ignores the possibility that simultaneous temperature and fCO₂ may trigger interactive effects. Multiple stressors

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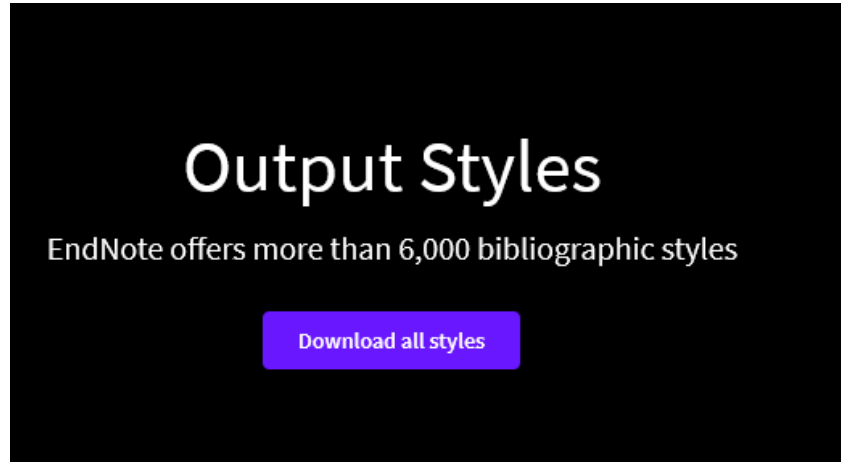
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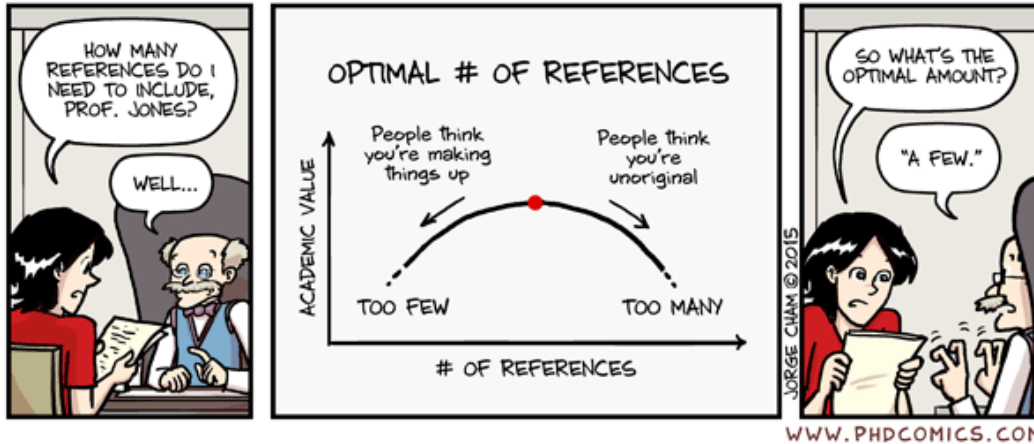
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Empirical and cross-cultural research indicates that several body parts are especially important to predicting health. In a series of landmark ethnographic surveys designed to understand human sexual behavior, Ford and Beach (1951) argued that despite varying manifestations and expressions of different body parts across cultures, humans from around the world have expressed a preference for healthy-looking eyes, lips, skin, and complexion. They argue further that those body parts are highly desired because of their ability to predict an individual's health. They found that in every culture, clear eyes, full lips, and a clear complexion were highly desirable; and in no culture, did they find that bloodshot or yellow eyes, chapped or scarred lips, or heavily-blemished skin were desirable.

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The ecological aspects of prey capture and foraging in scorpions have been thoroughly investigated by the late Gary Polis and associates (see Polis, 1990 and McCormick & Polis, 1990 for a review). Also, the sensory-physiological aspects of prey capture are well documented by the studies by Philip Brownell, Douglas Gaffin and others (see reviews in Brownell, 2001 and Gaffin & Brownell, 2001). The behavioral aspects of prey cap-

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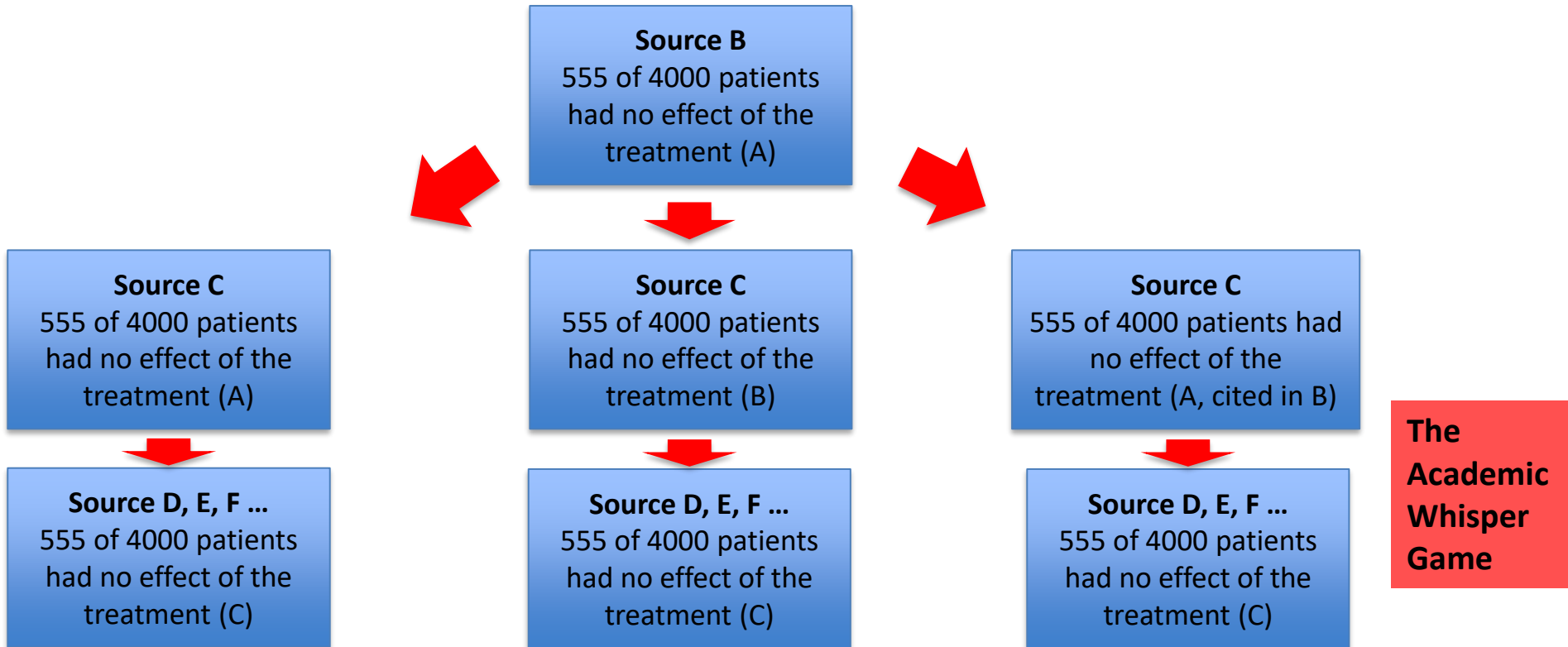
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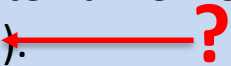


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