

# Does online availability increase citations? A replication study of McCabe and Snyder (*Review of Economics and Statistics*, 2015)

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## Results

This note reports on a successful attempt to reproduce the estimation results reported in McCabe and Snyder (2015). The authors investigate the link between the online availability of articles published in top-journals in economics and the number of citations these articles generate. The authors submitted data and Stata do-files to the data archive of the journal ([doi:10.7910/DVN/26904](https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/26904)). After the installation of the program `xtpqml` that is used by the do-files (a fact not mentioned by the authors in the Readme-file that comes with the material in the data archive) but that is not part of the official Stata release all do-files ran smoothly and produced the results reported in the tables in the paper. Therefore, the results from McCabe and Snyder (2015) qualify as reproducible results.

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