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How to start with preregistration

Why preregister your study?

The main - but not only! - objective is to clearly separate *hypothesis-generating* (exploratory) from *hypothesis-testing* (confirmatory) research.

For an overview, see *Preregistration is Hard, and Worthwhile*[1]. If you do computational modeling and think that preregistration is not useful in your case, check *Is Preregistration Worthwhile?*, please consider different perspective, read *'Don't Interfere with my Art': On the Disputed Role of Preregistration in Exploratory Model Building*.

What is preregistration?

- A document that describes your research plan before starting your study.

- A document that is submitted to a public registry, e.g. OSF.

How to preregister?

Use a list of currently available preregistration forms and templates. Here is a selection from the most common ones:

- General preregistration: Template (Google Doc)
- Qualitative data analysis: Template (*.docx*)
- Secondary data analysis: Template (*.docx*)
- fMRI: Template (*.docx*)
- EEG: Template (Google Doc) **= Work in progress!**

After data collection:

- Report results of preregistered research: Checklist (*.docx*)
- Document deviations from preregistration (if any): Template (*.docx*)

Questions?

Feel free to contact the author if you have questions or ideas for improvement.

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[1] If you would like to read more, see *Let's think about cognitive bias*, *The preregistration revolution*, and *Preregistration: A Plan, Not a Prison*.

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