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International Committee of Medical Journal Editors (ICMJE). (n.d.). *Recommendations for the conduct, reporting, editing, and publication of scholarly work in medical journals*. <https://www.icmje.org/icmje-recommendations.pdf>

Singhal, S., & Kalra, B. S. (2021). Publication ethics: Role and responsibility of authors. *Indian Journal of Gastroenterology*, 40, 65-71. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12664-020-01129-5>

WAME Publication Ethics Committee. (n.d.). *Recommendations on publication ethics policies for medical journals*. World Association of Medical Editors (WAME). <http://wame.org/recommendations-on-publication-ethics-policies-for-medical-journals>

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Hansen, E. K. S., & Naalsund, M. (2022). The role of teacher actions for students' productive interaction solving a linear function problem. *International Electronic Journal of Mathematics Education*, 17(3), em0685. <https://doi.org/10.29333/iejme/11921>

Ivánková, P., Halakova, Z., & Čolláková, D. (2022). The influence of a science camp experience on pupils motivating to study natural sciences. *Eurasia Journal of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education*, 18(3), em2084. <https://doi.org/10.29333/ejmste/11709>

Katsantonis, I. (2021). Cross-country perspective on reverse pathway dynamics between teachers' self-efficacy and job satisfaction. *Pedagogical Research*, 6(2), em0092. <https://doi.org/10.29333/pr/9726>

### Books

Abramovich, S., & Connell, M. L. (2021). *Developing deep knowledge in middle school mathematics*. Springer International Publishing.

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Lin, P. L., Chien, Y. T., & Chang, C. Y. (2020). Teachers' responses to an integrated STEM module: Collaborative curriculum design in Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. In J. Anderson & Y.-P. Li (Eds.), *Integrated approaches to STEM education: An international perspective* (pp. 491-509). Switzerland: Springer, Cham.

Milford, T. M., & Kiddell, R. B. (2020). Glasser's choice theory and science education in British Columbia. In B. Akpan & T. J. Kennedy (Eds.), *Science education in theory and practice. Springer texts in education*. Springer, Cham. [https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-43620-9\\_3](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-43620-9_3)

### Conference papers

Bhagat, K. K., Chang, C. Y., & Huang, R. (2017). Integrating GeoGebra with TPACK in improving pre-service mathematics teachers' professional development. In M. Chang, N.-S. Chen, R. Huang, Kinshuk, D. G. Sampson, & R. Vasiu (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 17th IEEE International Conference on Advanced Learning Technologies (ICALT 2017)* (pp. 313-314). Romania: IEEE Computer Society.

Chang, C. Y., Chien, Y. H., & Cheng, P.H. (2021, August). *Educational reform in Taiwan: Comparison of curriculum contents*. Paper presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the Japan Society for Science Education (JSSE), Kagoshima, Japan.

### Internet

Bordeaux, B., & Lieberman, H. R. (2020). Benefits and risks of caffeine and caffeinated beverages. *UpToDate*. Retrieved February 26, 2020, from <https://www.uptodate.com/contents/benefits-and-risks-of-caffeine-and-caffeinated-beverages>

CDC [@CDCgov]. (2020, June 11). *Scientists do not know if having antibodies to the virus that causes #COVID19 can protect someone from getting infected again* [Image attached] [Tweet]. Twitter. <https://twitter.com/CDCgov/status/1271180413134876672>

Fagan, J. (2019, March 25). *Nursing clinical brain*. OER Commons. Retrieved January 7, 2020, from <https://www.oercommons.org/authoring/53029-nursing-clinical-brain/view>

Lane, D. A., & Lip, G. Y. H. (2013). Treatment of hypertension in peripheral arterial disease. *Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/14651858.CD003075.pub3>

National Geographic [@natgeo]. (n.d.). IGTV [Instagram profile]. Instagram. Retrieved December 8, 2019, from <https://www.instagram.com/natgeo/channel/>

Toner, K. (2020, September 24). *When Covid-19 hit, he turned his newspaper route into a lifeline for senior citizens*. CNN. <https://www.cnn.com/2020/06/04/us/corona-virus-newspaper-deliveryman-groceries-senior-citizens-cnnheroes-trnd/index.html>

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