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Briefly answer each of the following:

Relevance

1. Does the abstract indicate that the article is relevant to our course topics? How.

1b. Does the abstract accurately and adequately summarize the article? Why or why not.

Author information.

2a. If there are multiple authors, who is the corresponding (main) author?

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Article Information.

3. What do the submitted and accepted dates tell us?

Journal Information.

4a. What is the relative quality of the journal and who is the audience?

4b. What is the impact factor for this journal?

Using citations:

5a. Look at the reference list. Are the authors citing their own work? Have they published previously on the same topic? Are they citing others? What does the reference list tell us?

5b. Compare the citation rates of at least three references that seem particularly important to the paper. If appropriate, star one article that you might return to later in the semester as a seminal article in the field. Provide the full reference and number of citations for each: