**Supplementary table 2. Methodological suggestions for future research**

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| In addition to major, minor and total quotation error rates results for different groups of quotation errors, e.g., indirect references should be documented. |
| Consider counting reference errors as quotation errors if the source can not be traced and, thus, the claim can not be checked. |
| Use random selection of references and quotations. |
| Use at least two independent raters. Document interrater reliability and the number of cases difficult to judge. |
| Present reference based and quotation based analysis. |
| Count all quotation errors and do not restrict quotation errors to one per reference/quotation. |
| Specifiy the approach to evaluating quotation accuracy: Liberal versus strict. A strict approach would mean that in the sentence „For a long time psychiatrists have debated about xy (references)“ quotations would be considered wrong if references were not about the discussion but only examples of papers that have played a role in the discussion. (Our advice is to evaluate quotation errors using a liberal approach and to evaluate the sense and not the logical structure of an approach.) |