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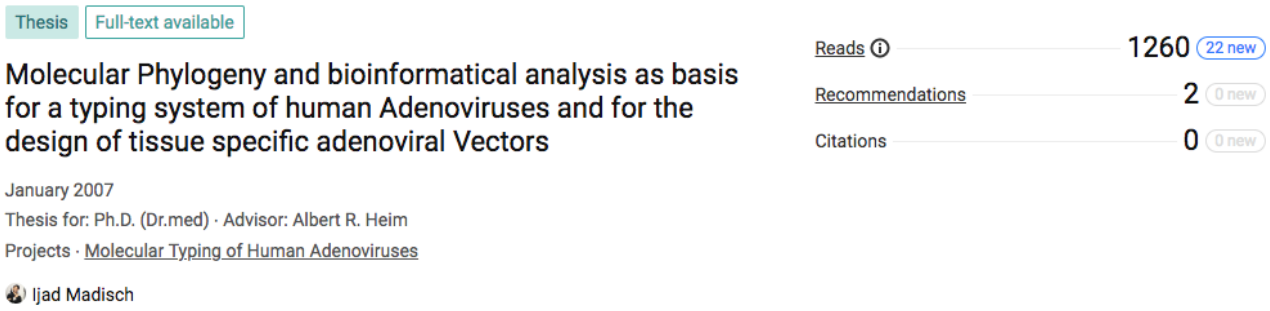

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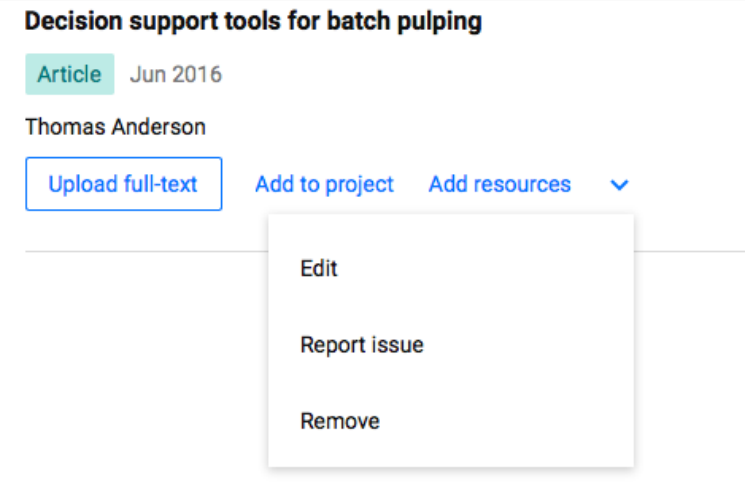

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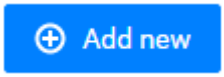
ResearchGate makes it easy for you to add all types of research and publications to your profile. Click the large blue box at the top right of any ResearchGate page 

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