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Title: *Casson invariant is a homotopy invariant*

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Abstract: We use Waldhausen's degree-1 map techniques related to Heegaard decomposition to show that the Casson invariant of integral homology 3-spheres is invariant under the orientation-preserving homotopy equivalent maps. The methods used in the proof are degree-1 map, perturbations, orientation comparison and normal bundles.