



● Data sharing, credit
and re-use:
who's accountable?



Data Management & Open Data;
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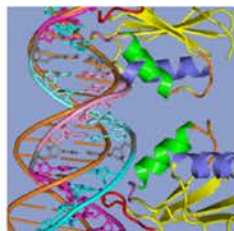
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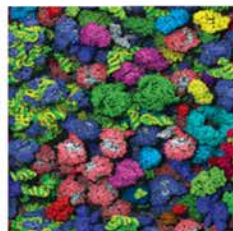
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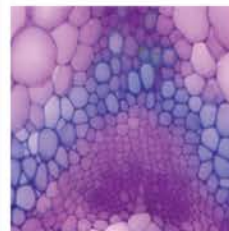
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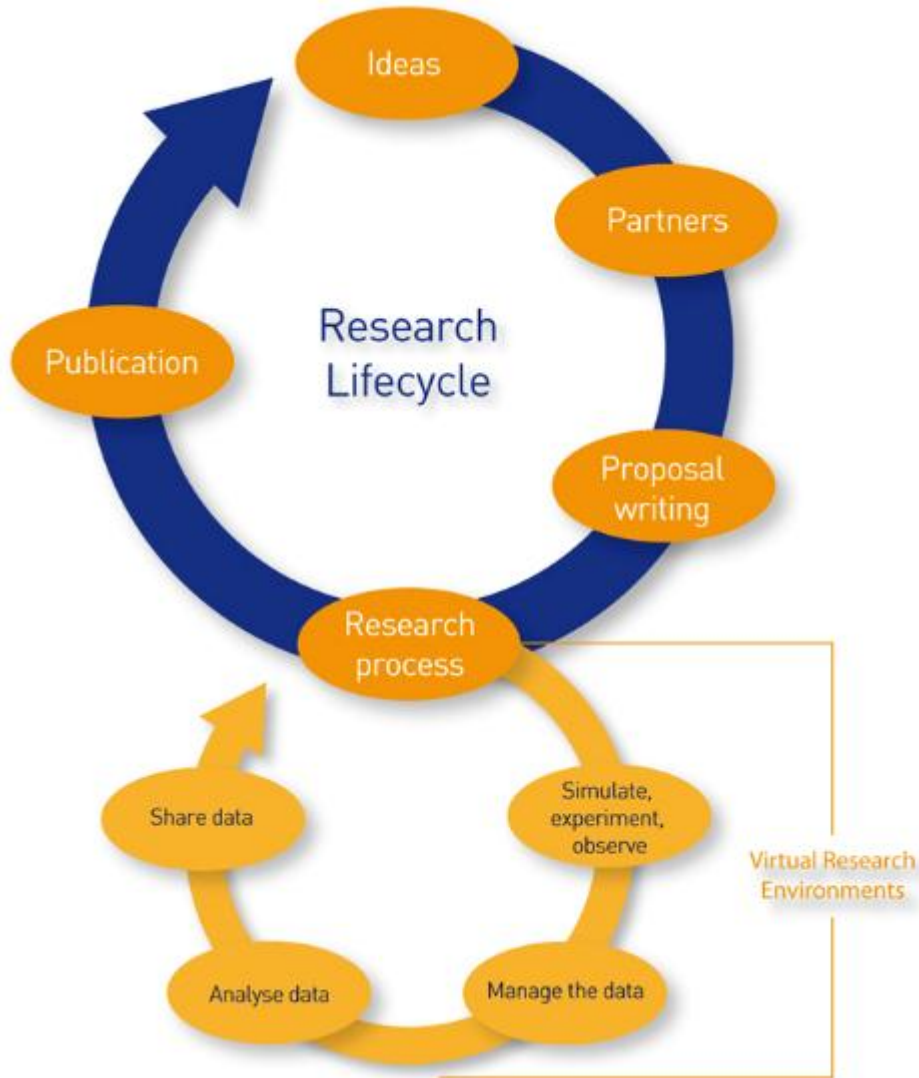
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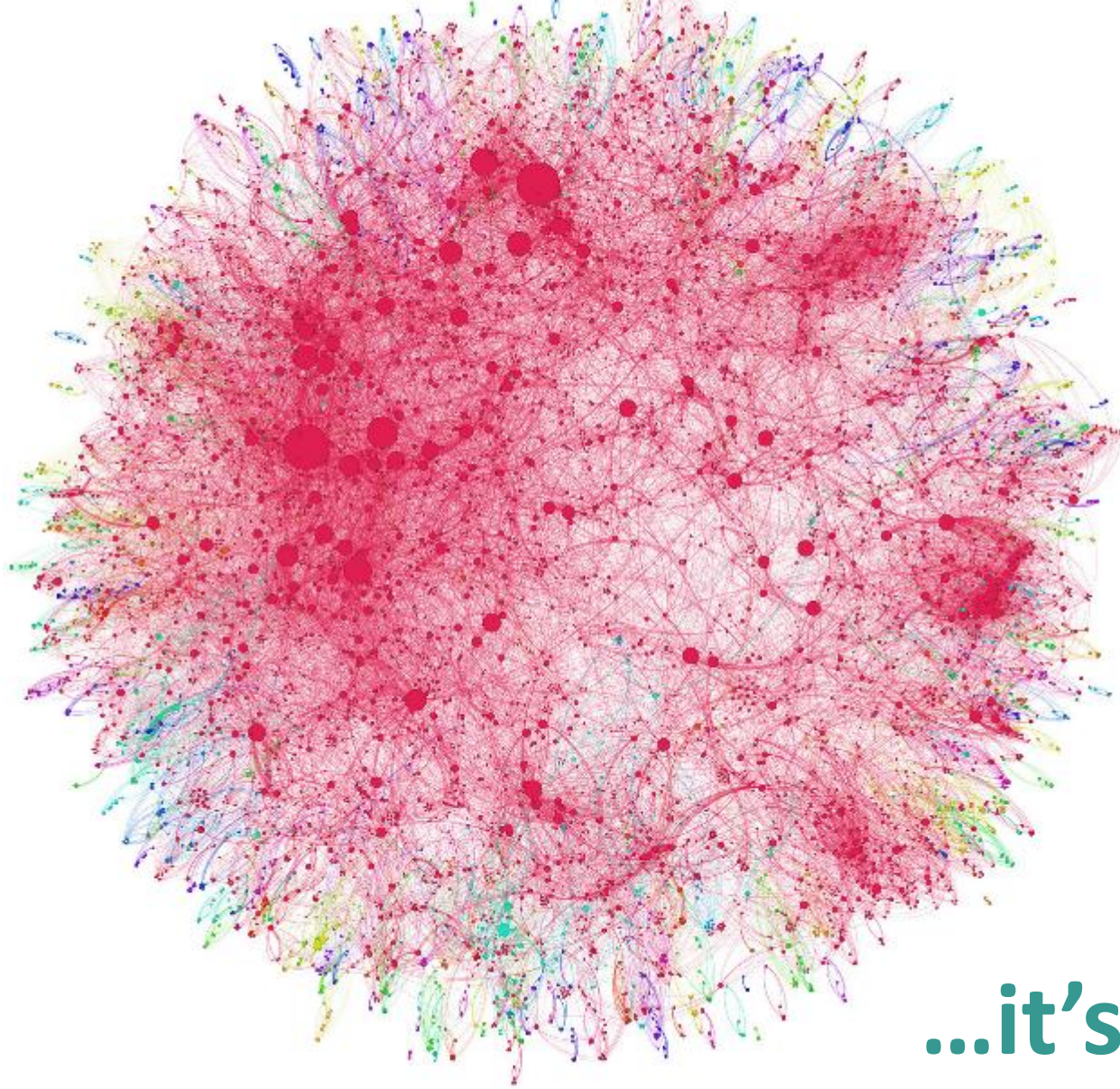
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It's no longer just about journals or books

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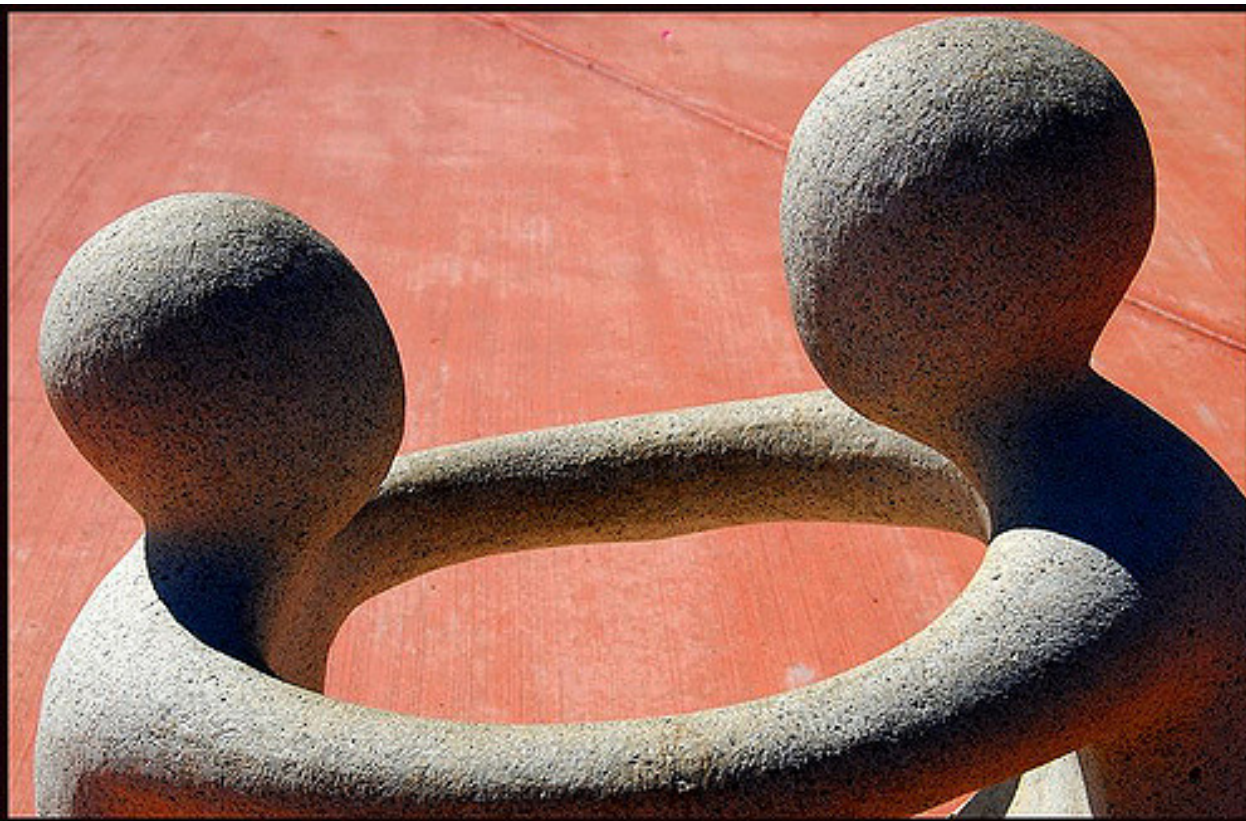
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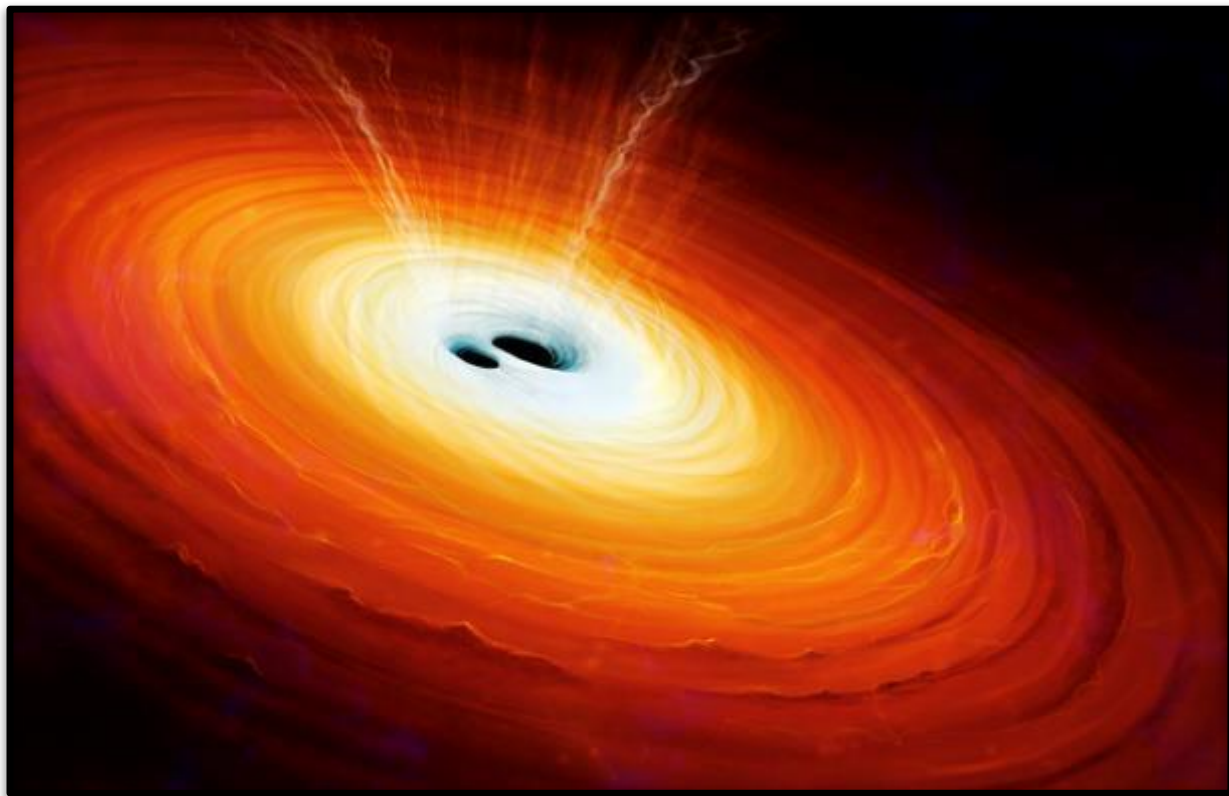
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“Open science is about the way researchers work, collaborate, interact, share resources and disseminate results.

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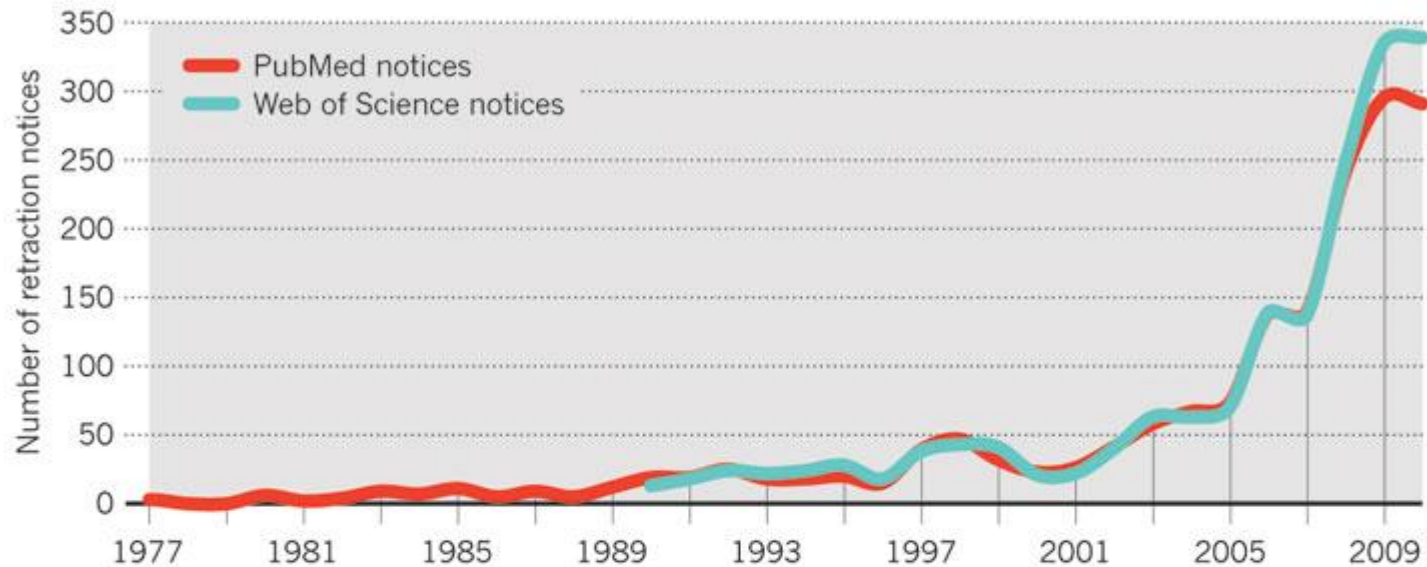


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Retraction trends



In same period,
volume of papers increased by 44%

Van Noorden, Nature 478, 26-28 (2011)

Why are papers retracted?



Van Noorden, Nature 478, 26-28 (2011)

Misconduct accounts for the majority of retracted scientific publications

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Edited by Thomas Shenk, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, and approved September 6, 2012 (received for review July 18, 2012)

A detailed review of all 2,047 biomedical and life-science research articles indexed by PubMed as retracted on May 3, 2012 revealed that only 21.3% of retractions were attributable to error. In contrast,

published by the authors of a manuscript in the *Journal of Cell Biology* stated that “In follow-up experiments . . . we have shown that the lack of FOXO1a expression reported in figure 1 is not

Is science reliable ?

- Poorly Designed studies
 - small sample sizes, lack of randomisation, blinding and controls
- 'p-hacking' (selective analyses) widespread¹
- Poorly reported methods & results²
- Negative/inconclusive results are not published
- Data not available to scrutinise/replicate

Science
Communication

¹Head ML, Holman L, Lanfear R, Kahn AT, Jennions MD (2015) The Extent and Consequences of P-Hacking in Science. PLoS Biol 13(3): e1002106. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.1002106

²Landis SC, et al. (2012) A call for transparent reporting to optimize the predictive value of preclinical research. Nature 490(7419): 187–191.



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Why Most Published Research Findings Are False

John P. A. Ioannidis

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Corollaries

Most Research Findings Are False for Most Research Designs and for Most Fields

Claimed Research Findings May Often Be

Abstract

Summary

There is increasing concern that most current published research findings are false. The probability that a research claim is true may depend on study power and bias, the number of other studies on the same question, and, importantly, the ratio of true to no relationships among the relationships probed in each scientific field. In this framework, a research finding is less likely to be true when the studies conducted in a field are smaller; when effect sizes are smaller; when there is a greater number and lesser preselection of tested relationships; where there is greater flexibility in designs, definitions, outcomes, and analytical modes; when there is greater financial and other interest and prejudice; and when more teams are involved in a scientific field in chase of statistical significance. Simulations show that for most study designs and settings, it is more likely for a research claim to be false than true. Moreover, for many current scientific fields, claimed research findings may often be simply accurate measures of the prevailing bias. In this essay, I discuss the implications of these problems for the conduct



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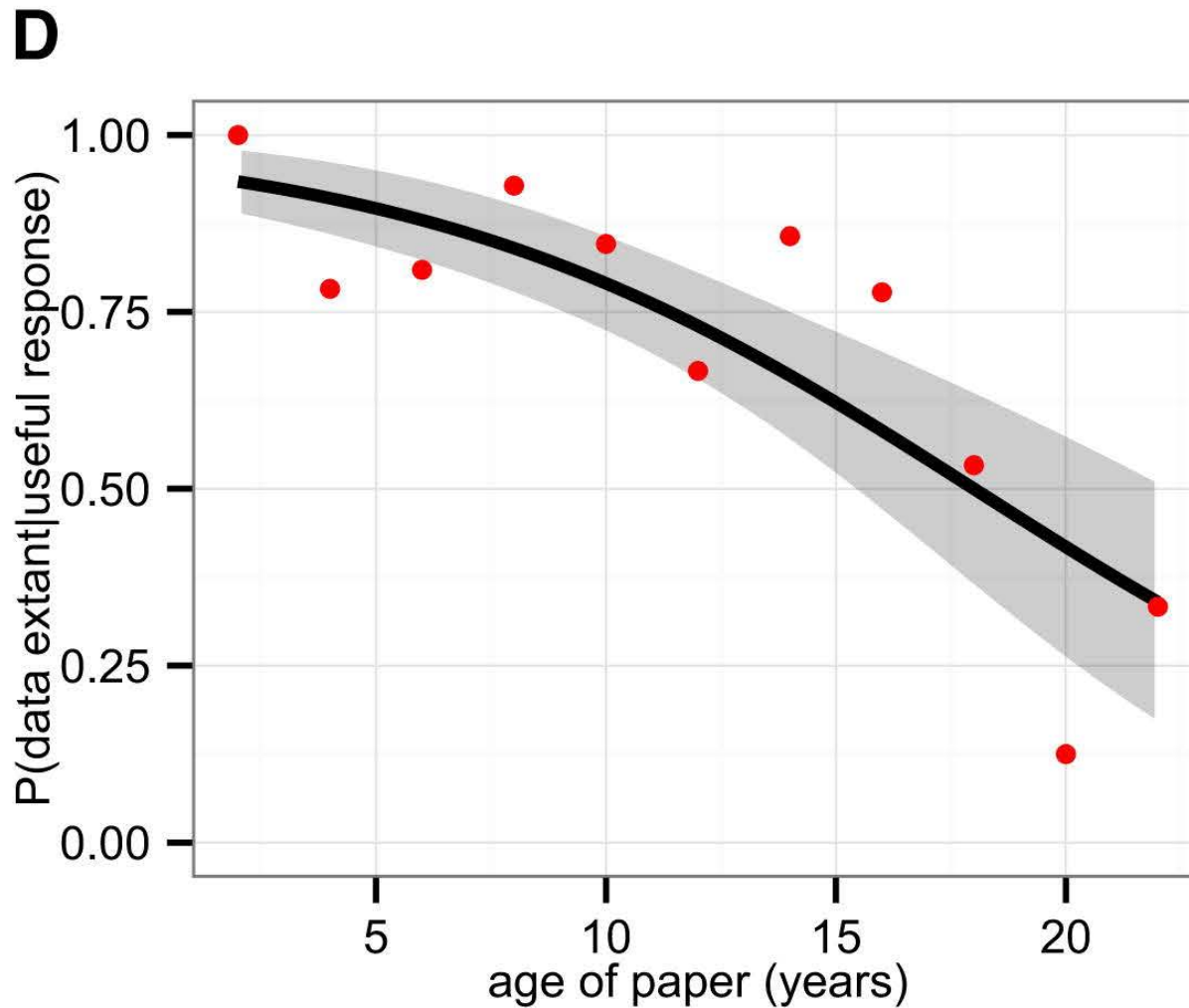
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The publication of negative, null and inconclusive results is important to provide scientists with balanced information and avoid the duplication of efforts testing similar hypotheses, which waste valuable time and research resources in the proc...

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Data

Data Availability



Probability of finding the data associated with a paper declined by 17% every year

Vines, Timothy et al. "The Availability of Research Data Declines Rapidly with Article Age." *Current Biology* 24, no. 1 (June 1, 2014): 94–97.
doi:10.1016/j.cub.2013.11.014.

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- PLOS journals require authors to make **all data underlying the findings** described in their manuscript fully available without restriction, with rare exception.
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Since March 2014



Making Progress Toward Open Data: Reflections on Data Sharing at PLOS ONE

Data Availability: Biodiversity results, including GIS-ready datasets for open-access use, are available online at <http://BiodiversityMapping.org> and the Dryad Digital Repository: (<http://dx.doi.org/10.5061/dryad.6rv61>).

Example Data Availability Statement from Jenkins CN, et al. PLoS ONE. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0145064>.

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- **FAQs consistently updated**

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/s/data-availability#loc-faqs-for-data-policy>

- **Recommended repositories**

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What data are required and what is meant by minimal data set?

- PLOS defines the “minimal data set” as **the data set used to reach the conclusions drawn in the manuscript** with related metadata and methods, and any additional data required to replicate the reported study findings in their entirety:
 - The values behind the means, standard deviations and other measures reported;
 - The values used to build graphs;
 - The points extracted from images for analysis.
- **Authors do not need to submit their entire data set**, or the raw data collected during an investigation.
 - Just those relevant to the analyses in the paper.

Unacceptable Data Access Restrictions

- Authors will not share data because of personal interest (e.g. patents or potential future publications).
- Conclusions depend on proprietary data.
 - data owned by commercial interests
 - copyrighted data that the owners will not share, e.g., data from a pharmaceutical company that will share the data only with regulatory agencies for purposes of drug approval, but not with researchers.

Internal Checks: PLOS ONE

- At submission: check for unacceptable restrictions to access
- During review: Editors & Reviewers assess underlying data
- At accept: check statements & ensure clinical datasets have no potentially identifying information
- Post-publication: work with authors as needed

Possible exceptions to making data publicly available include

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 - Adherence to the PLOS data policy must never breach patient confidentiality.
- Data **deposition could present some other threat**, such as revealing the locations of fossil deposits, endangered species, or farms/other animal enclosures etc.

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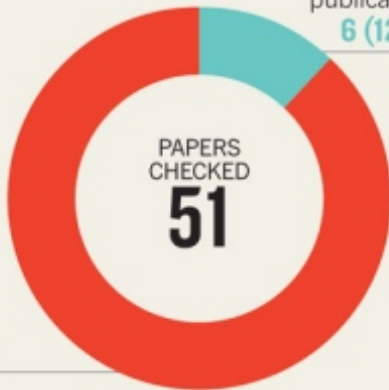
FREE THE DATA

In 2014, open-access publisher PLOS introduced a requirement that authors who publish in its journals make their underlying data freely available online. An informal audit of one type of population genetics study in one journal, *PLoS ONE*, shows that not everyone is complying — but the mandate is still a boon for the open-data movement.

2011–12, when PLOS encouraged open data

Full underlying data accompany publication
6 (12%)

Insufficient data to replicate findings
45 (88%)



2014: An increase in data sharing¹:
- from 12% before the policy to 40%
- even up to as much as 76%

2016: Same study²
- compliance now 67%

Not seeing full compliance but we are seeing a MASSIVE improvement

Since March 2014, after open-data mandate in place

Full underlying data accompany publication
8 (40%)

Insufficient data to replicate findings
12 (60%)



Source:

'1. Confusion over publisher's pioneering open-data rules' *Nature* **515**, 478 (27 November 2014)
doi:10.1038/515478a

2. Tim Vines, *pers commun* (to Meg Byrne, PLOS).



Where are the Data (PLOS ONE)?

In 2016 ~4,000 datasets associated with PLOS articles were deposited in open repositories.

Time	Papers with DAS	Data in Submission Files (#)	Data in Submission Files (%)	Data in Repositories (Estimate)	Data upon Request (Estimate)
Q2-Q4 2014	9491	7918	74%	11%	10%
Q2-Q4 2015	22142	15382	69%	14%	12%

	Dryad	Figshare	NCBI	GitHub	
Q2-Q4 2014	152	210	551	37	
Q2-Q4 2015	551	753	1229	174	

DAS = Data availability statement

Data sharing at PLOS ONE

- **Very few submissions rejected** because of authors' unwillingness or inability to share data (<0.1%)
- **Steady growth in publicly available datasets** via public data repositories such as the NCBI databases, Figshare or Dryad.
 - ~20% in 2016 – low but the growth is encouraging
- **60% of articles include data** in the main text and supplementary information
 - supporting information also deposited to Figshare (each item has its own DOI).
- **20% have data available upon request**
 - restrictions acceptable under our policy
- **Editor & reviewer comments on data availability more frequent**
 - from 18% of submissions in 2014 to 24% in 2016 —
 - this is in addition to the yes/no question in the review form asking reviewers to indicate whether the paper complies with the data policy.

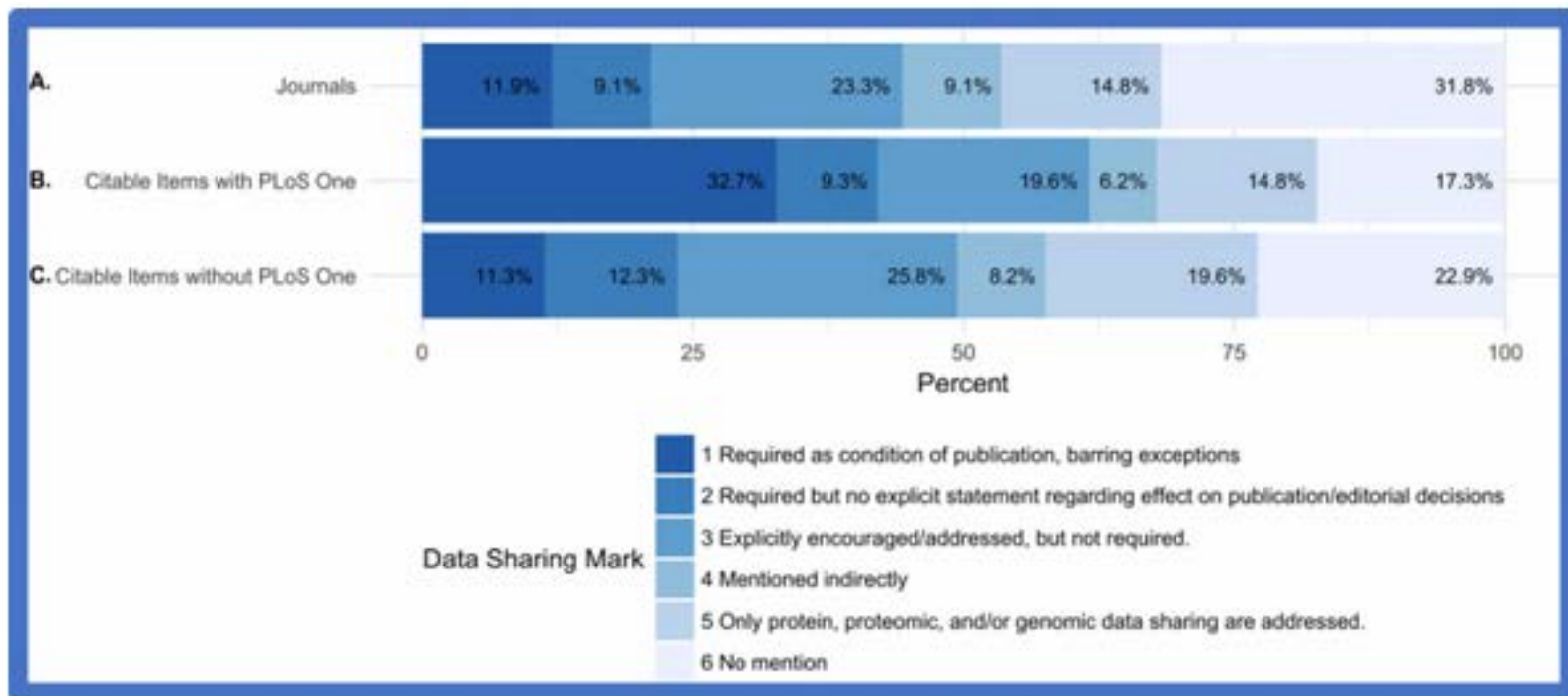


Research about data sharing

- [PLOS Open Data Collection](#) highlights papers that address issues of data sharing in various scientific disciplines and research showing a correlation between publicly available data and increased impact (for example, citation rates).
- [PLOS ONE 10-year Anniversary Datasets Collection](#) highlights specific examples of well-reported or widely used datasets.

PLOS ONE effect

- A citable item that is open access is much more likely to be published in a journal with a data sharing requirement.
- The proportion of open access journals that require data sharing is much larger than the proportion of subscription journals (64.3% vs 11.3%).
- PLOS ONE significantly increases the proportion of research articles published with a data sharing requirement in biomedical journals



Vasilevsky, Nicole A., Jessica Minnier, Melissa A. Haendel, and Robin E. Champieux.
"Reproducible and Reusable Research: Are Journal Data Sharing Policies Meeting the Mark?"
PeerJ 5 (April 25, 2017): e3208. doi:10.7717/peerj.3208.

Challenges

QUESTIONS WE DON'T KNOW ANSWERS TO YET

- Treatment of software/code
- How should materials sharing differ
- What to do with big data?
- Do we need better/more aligned consenting for patient studies?
- Best practices for data access committees?
- How to fund data access committees?
- Preservation of obsolete formats?
- How to cite data & credit data reuse?



The Culture of Evaluation

TABLE 1. GROWING PERVERSE INCENTIVES IN ACADEMIA

<i>Incentive</i>	<i>Intended effect</i>	<i>Actual effect</i>
“Researchers rewarded for increased number of publications.”	“Improve research productivity,” provide a means of evaluating performance.	“Avalanche of” substandard, “incremental papers”; poor methods and increase in false discovery rates leading to a “natural selection of bad science” (Smaldino and McElreath, 2016); reduced quality of peer review
“Researchers rewarded for increased number of citations.”	Reward quality work that influences others.	Extended reference lists to inflate citations; reviewers request citation of their work through peer review
“Researchers rewarded for increased grant funding.”	“Ensure that research programs are funded, promote growth, generate overhead.”	Increased time writing proposals and less time gathering and thinking about data. Overselling positive results and downplay of negative results.
Increase PhD student productivity	Higher school ranking and more prestige of program.	Lower standards and create oversupply of PhDs. Postdocs often required for entry-level academic positions, and PhDs hired for work MS students used to do.
Reduced teaching load for research-active faculty	Necessary to pursue additional competitive grants.	Increased demand for untenured, adjunct faculty to teach classes.
“Teachers rewarded for increased student evaluation scores.”	“Improved accountability; ensure customer satisfaction.”	Reduced course work, grade inflation.
“Teachers rewarded for increased student test scores.”	“Improve teacher effectiveness.”	“Teaching to the tests; emphasis on short-term learning.”
“Departments rewarded for increasing U.S. News ranking.”	“Stronger departments.”	Extensive efforts to reverse engineer, game, and cheat rankings.
“Departments rewarded for increasing numbers of BS, MS, and PhD degrees granted.”	“Promote efficiency; stop students from being trapped in degree programs; impress the state legislature.”	“Class sizes increase; entrance requirements” decrease; reduce graduation requirements.
“Departments rewarded for increasing student credit/contact hours (SCH).”	“The university’s teaching mission is fulfilled.”	“SCH-maximization games are played”: duplication of classes, competition for service courses.

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“As competition for jobs and promotions increases, the inflated value given to publishing in a small number of so-called “high impact” journals has put pressure on authors to rush into print, cut corners, exaggerate their findings, and overstate the significance of their work.

Such publication practices, abetted by the hypercompetitive grant system and job market, are changing the atmosphere in many laboratories in disturbing ways.”

Rescuing US biomedical research from its systemic flaws

Bruce Alberts , Marc W. Kirschner , Shirley Tilghman, and Harold Varmus

PNAS | April 22, 2014 | vol. 111 | no. 16 | 5773–5777

doi: 10.1073/pnas.1404402111



“Career decisions for Early Career Researchers are essentially arbitrary as they are based on so few publications and a hit or miss review process”

‘Scholarly publishing: a perspective from an early career academic’, COASP 2015,
Derek Groen (University College London)



Isabelle M Côté
@redlipblenny

Now properly co
editor who trans
bring civility back

The tone used by this reviewer is unacceptably aggressive and accusatory. The reviewer assigns us dark motives when we omit to cite one favoured paper and when we don't provide (in the reviewer's opinion) enough information about the study site. The conclusions drawn by the reviewer about our study site, based on watching youtube videos are frankly ignorant! [...]

If I were the first author of this MS, I probably would not be writing this email. [...] However, the first author of this MS is a graduate student, at the start of her career and her publishing experience, and a review such as this one is incredibly discouraging.

Dear Dr xxxxxx,

I am writing regarding the reviews received for MS xxxxxx. I am angry at the comments provided by Reviewer #2. The tone used by this reviewer is unacceptably aggressive and accusatory. The reviewer assigns us dark motives when we omit to cite one favoured paper and when we don't provide (in the reviewer's opinion) enough information about the study site. The conclusions drawn by the reviewer about our study site, based on watching youtube videos (!), are frankly simply ignorant. I've highlighted in red below the passages that I believe did not have to be written in such a confrontational manner. Reviewers #1 and 3 make many of the same points, but in a much more constructive fashion.

If I were the first author on this MS, I probably would not be writing this email. I have received similarly savage reviews before, have read them, been angry, and moved on. However, the first author of this MS is a graduate student, at the start of her career and her publishing experience, and a review such as this one is incredibly discouraging. I would therefore ask you either not to use this reviewer again (and certainly not for papers by graduate students) or exercise your own editorial control and paraphrase when you next transmit this reviewer's comments. I would also really like you to forward this email to the offending reviewer so that he/she realises how their reviews are perceived.

Thank you for your consideration.

RETWEETS

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J.J. Schmitter-Soto @jjschmittersoto · 13 Dec 2016

Replying to @redlipblenny @donaldorth

Isabelle, I agree with you.

However:

Is it possible/desirable to shield students from savage reviewers/reality?

1 2 8



Isabelle M Côté @redlipblenny · 13 Dec 2016

.@jjschmittersoto @donaldorth Possible? Maybe not, unless journals start to enforce a code of conduct for reviewers. Desirable? Absolutely.

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J.J. Schmitter-Soto @jjschmittersoto · 13 Dec 2016

but it is a (sad) part of (present) academia. They'll need to deal with that. How can they fight back, otherwise?

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Savita Dhanvantari @sdhanvan · 13 Dec 2016

Such hostility is NEVER OK and should not be normalized. Editors should be alerted to +

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J.J. Schmitter-Soto @jjschmittersoto · 13 Dec 2016

just for the record: I totally agree reviewer's (and advisor's, etc.) brutality should never be "normal"

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Current culture embeds status quo

- Researchers gain from publishing in 'designer' journals
- Journals gain financially from their brand/ Journal Impact factor
- Institutions gain financially by hiring and firing based on where researchers publish, not on what they publish (or the mission of the University)
- Research assessment by funders often based on very few publications and brand/impact factor (some are changing)

Imperfect Impact

Clinical trial registration: Looking back and moving ahead

(Published mid 2007)

New Eng. J. Med. **45** (53.298)

Lancet **24** (38.278)

J. Am. Med. Assoc. **21** (30.026)

Annals Int. Med. **11** (16.733)

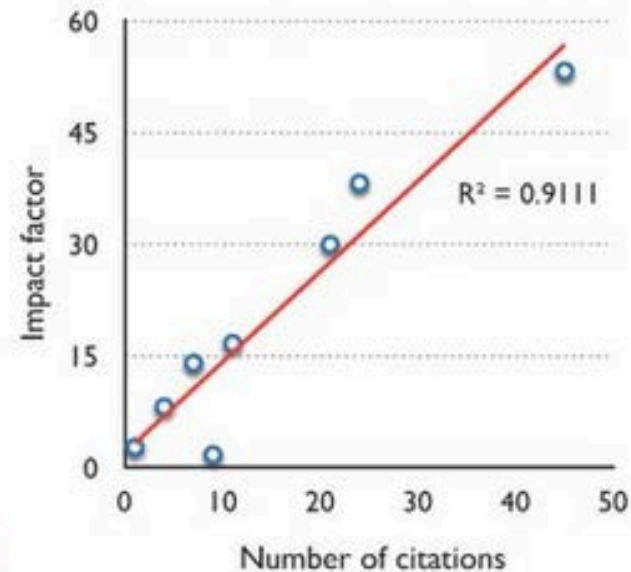
Brit. Med. J. **7** (14.093)

Can. Med. Assoc. J. **4** (8.217)

Med. J. Aust. **1** (2.813)

Croat. Med. J. **9** (1.796)

Total citations until the end of 2011
(2011 Impact Factor)



Impact factors mask huge variation in citations -
if you use it you are dishonest and statistically
illiterate [@Stephen_Curry](#) [#COASP](#)

COASP7 'Research and researcher evaluation' (2015),
Stephen Curry (Imperial College London) – available
soon from OASPA website



New Results

A simple proposal for the publication of journal citation distributions

 Vincent Lariviere,  Veronique Kiermer,  Catriona J MacCallum,  Marcia McNutt,  Mark Patterson,  Bernd Pulverer,  Sowmya Swaminathan,  Stuart Taylor,  Stephen Curry

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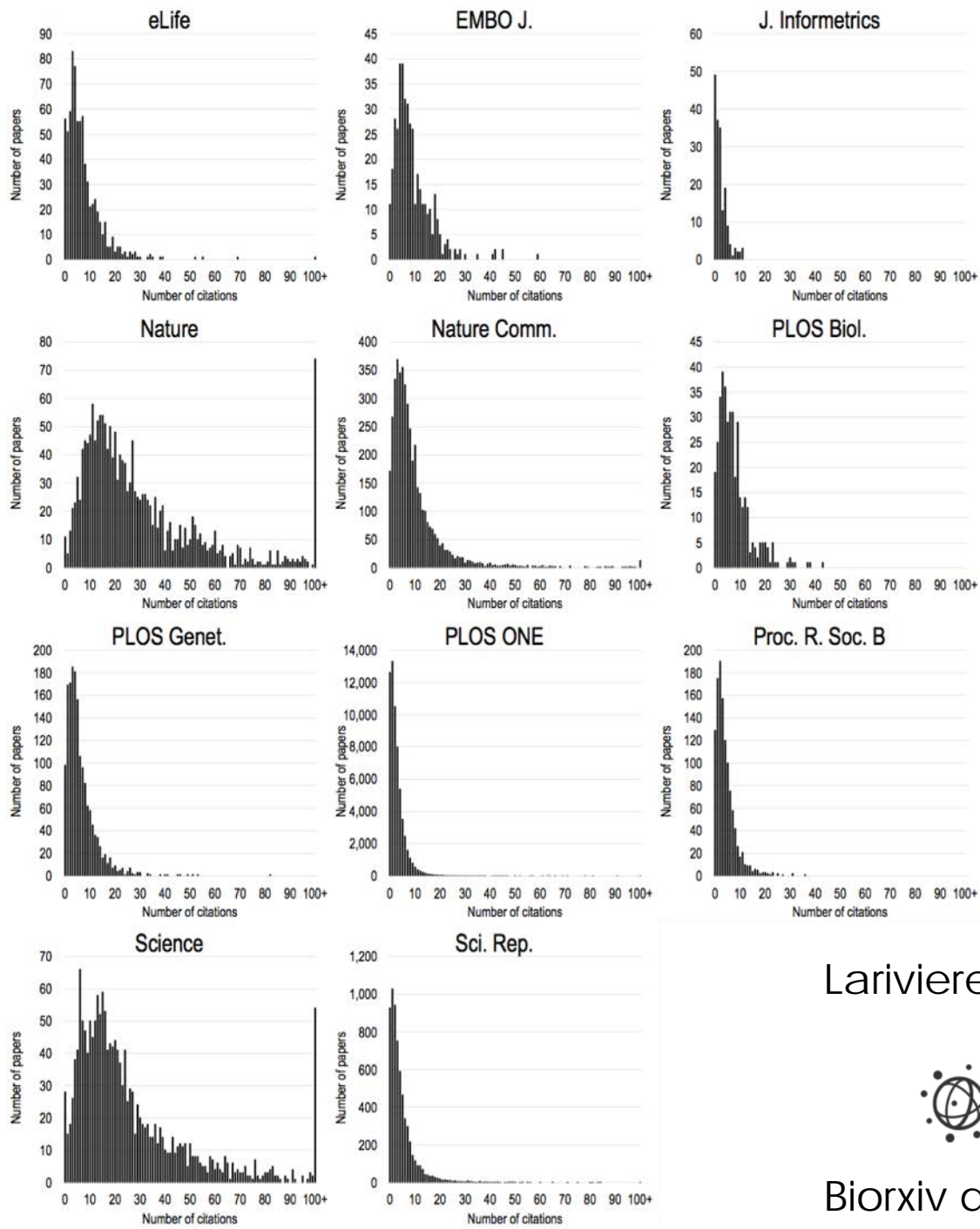
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Lariviere et al., 2016



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Cultural Change

EU COUNCIL CONCLUSIONS ON THE TRANSITION TOWARDS AN OPEN SCIENCE SYSTEM

Removing barriers and fostering incentives (7)

- scientific quality should be based on the work itself
- develop better quality assurance in review and evaluation systems.
- incentives to reward researchers (and research stakeholders) for sharing the results of their research for reuse;
- explore mechanisms to change the ways of doing science.
- collaborate in particular on incentives for an internationally accepted system for data citation

27th May 2016

Change the Incentives

Declaration on Research Assessment



- A worldwide initiative, spearheaded by the ASCB (American Society for Cell Biology), together with scholarly journals and funders

- Focuses on the need to improve the way in which the outputs of scientific research are evaluated:

- the need to eliminate the use of journal-based metrics, such as Journal Impact Factors, in funding, appointment, and promotion considerations;
- “need to assess research on its own merits rather than on the basis of the journal in which the research is published”



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Credit:

Persistent identifiers and metadata

- Inability to link data to papers & papers to data & papers & data to people
- No separate identifiers for figures, tables, supplementary material etc
- Low adoption of persistent identifiers among Researchers, publishers and data repositories
- Persistent identifiers for Funders & Institutions in flux
 - but being developed



Next-generation metrics: Responsible metrics and evaluation for open science

Report of the European Commission Expert Group on Altmetrics
March 2017

RECOMMENDATION #8:

The European research system and Open Science Cloud should adopt ORCID as its preferred system of unique identifiers, and an ORCID ID should be mandatory for all applicants and participants in FP9. Unique identifiers for individuals and research works will gradually improve the robustness of metrics and reduce administrative burden. ORCID provides researchers with a unique ID and associates this ID with a regularly updated list of publications. It is already backed by a growing number of funders across Europe (<http://about.orcid.org/>). The EC and ERC should utilise ORCID IDs for grant applications, management and reporting platforms, and the benefits of ORCID need to be better communicated to researchers and other stakeholders (Galsworthy & McKee, 2013).

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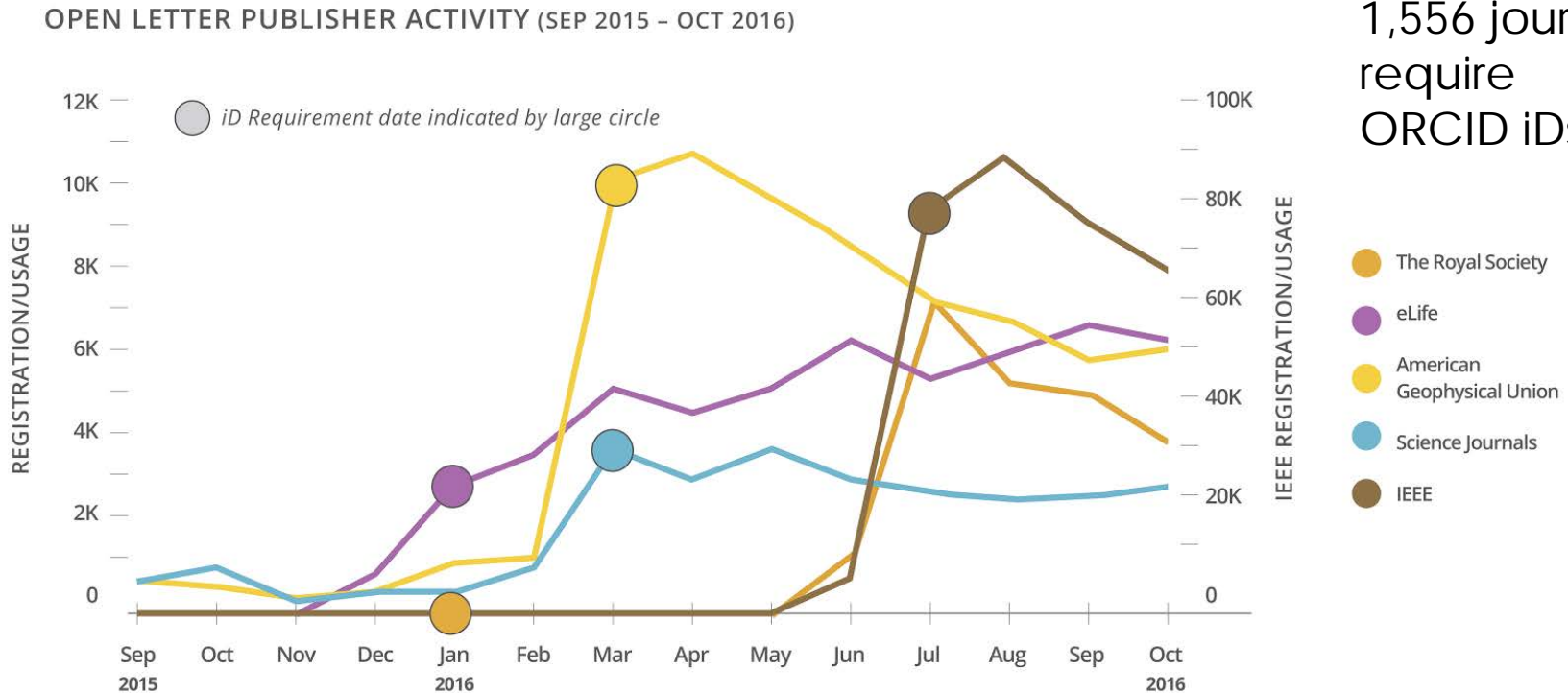


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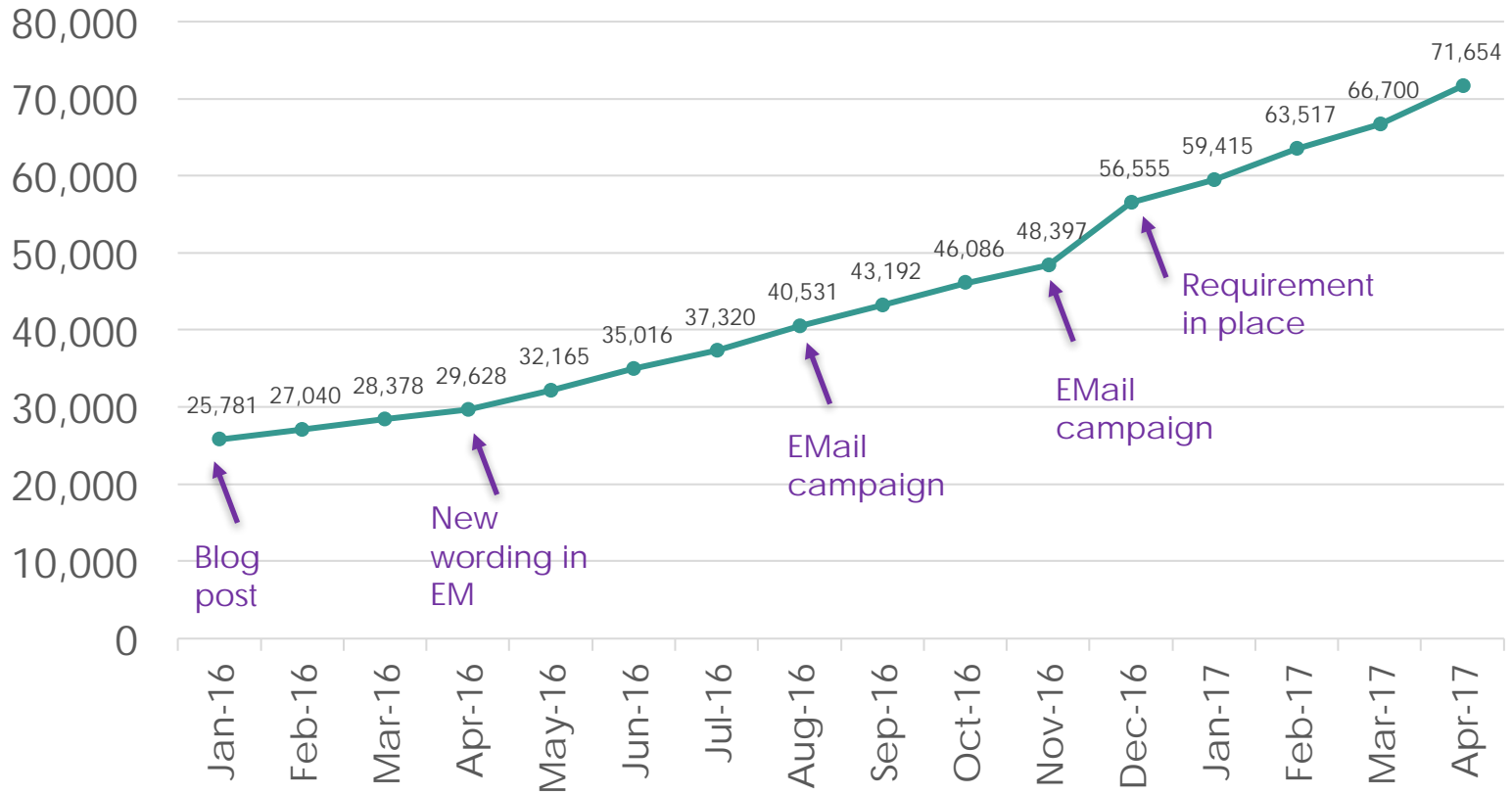
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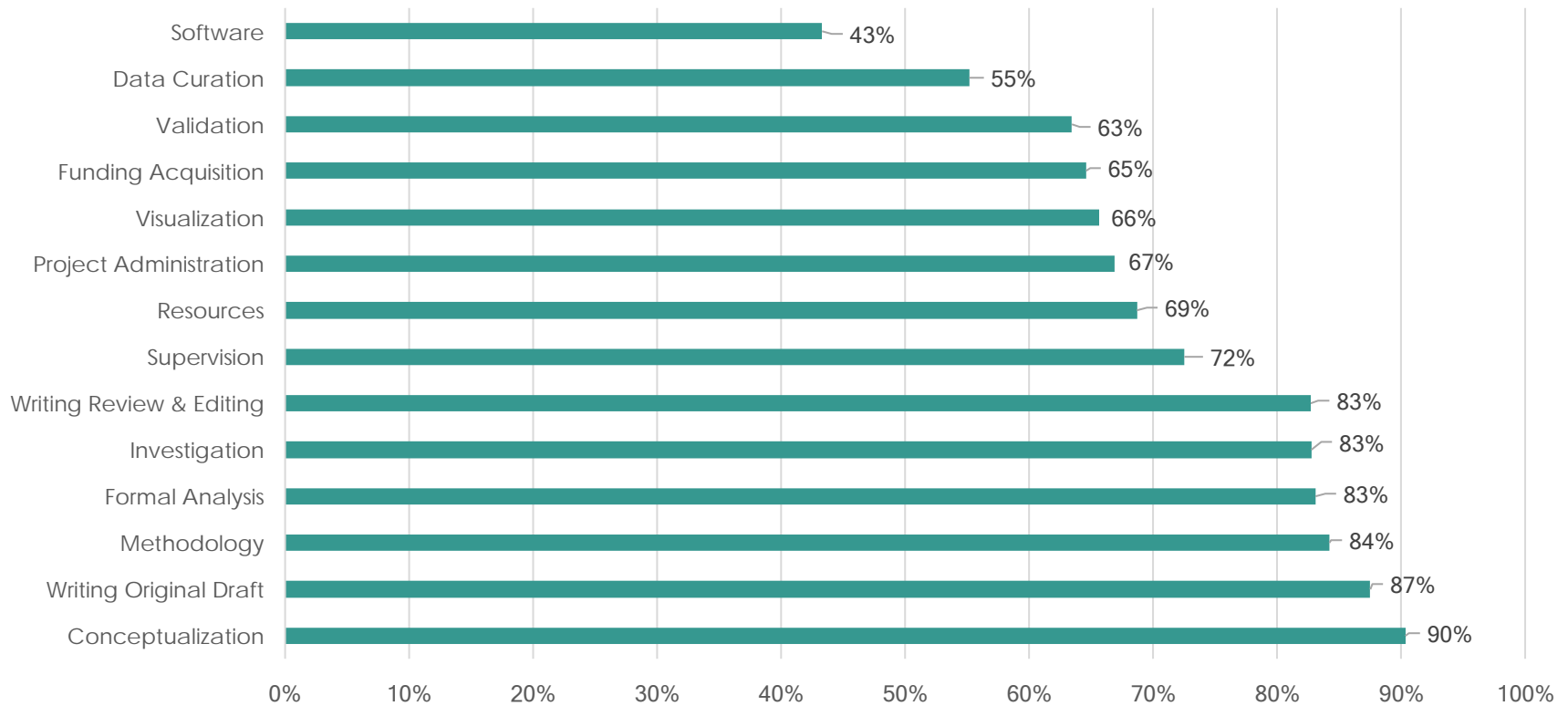
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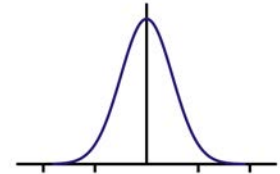
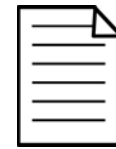
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 - More collective, community based review
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 - Reward Reviewers
 - Reward open behaviour by researchers
 - Reward all types of outputs – not just articles

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 - Meta-research – research about the research process
 - Publically available data on metrics, indicators, evaluation
 - Independent scrutiny
- Align policies between funders, publishers, institutions
 - Data management as standard (& Data Access Committees)
 - Reduce the burden on researchers
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- Create global community standards for open science
 - Community standards for data & metadata sharing
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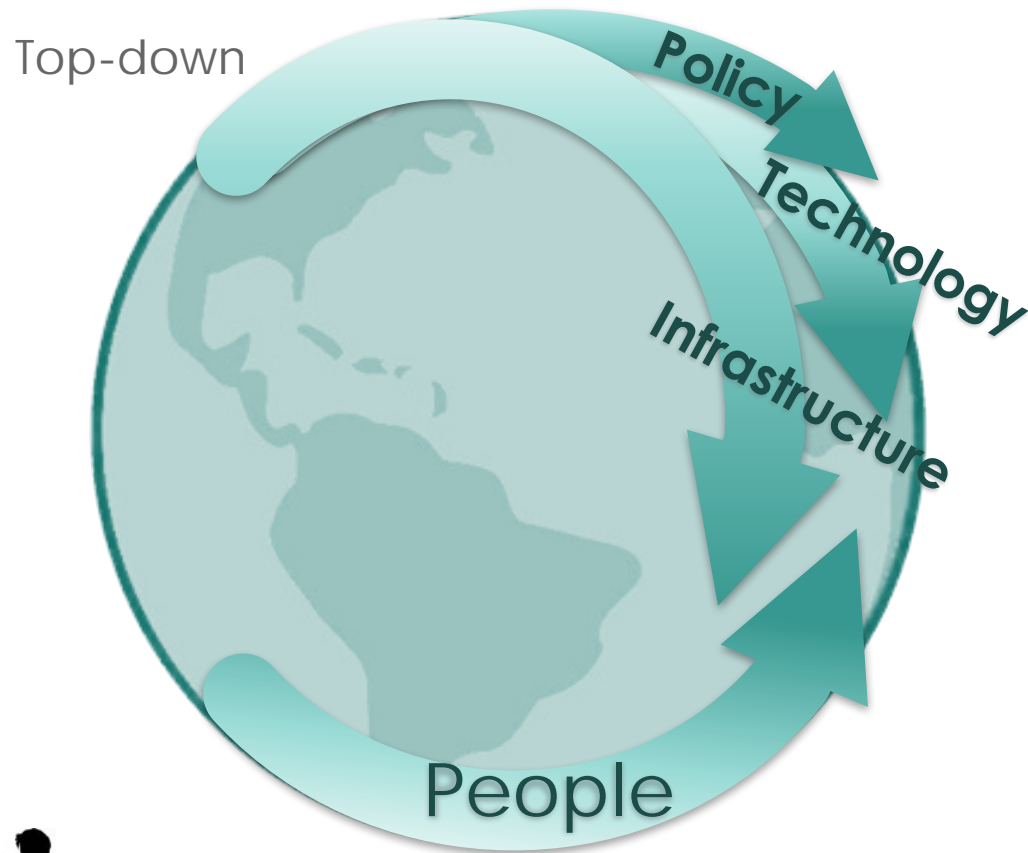
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