

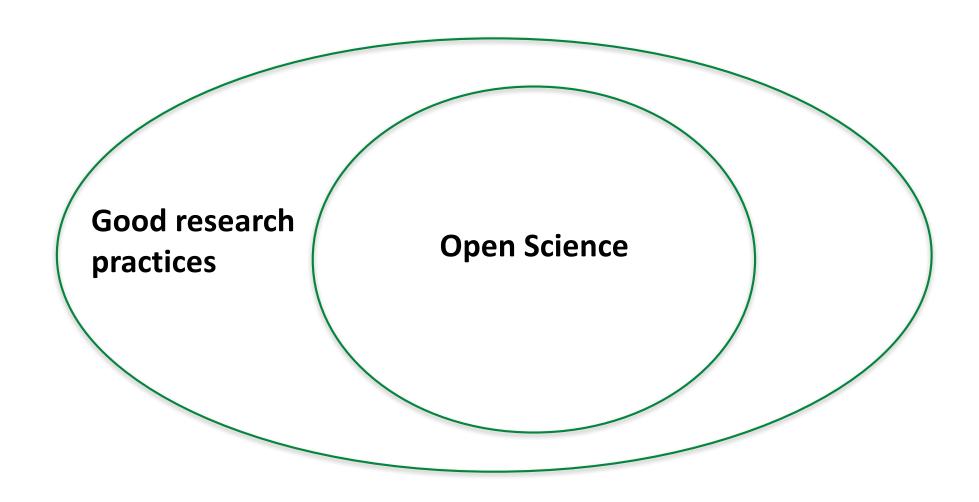
Open Science – Introduction

Open Science Workshop



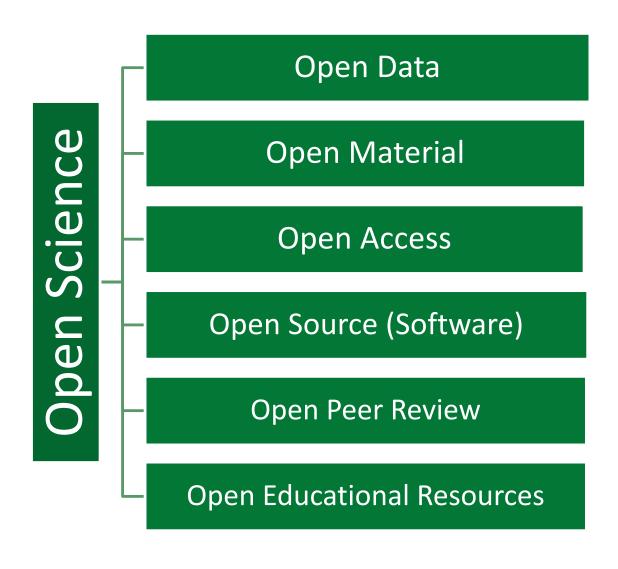


Open Science Good Science





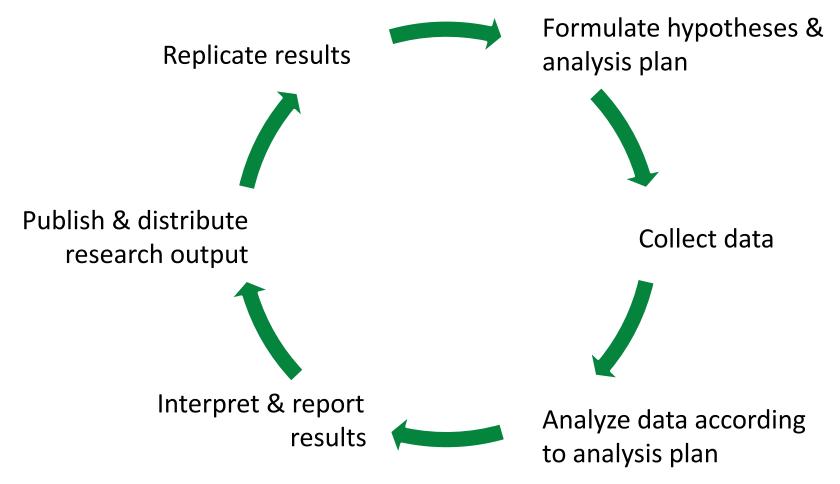
Pillars of Open Science





Why transparency?

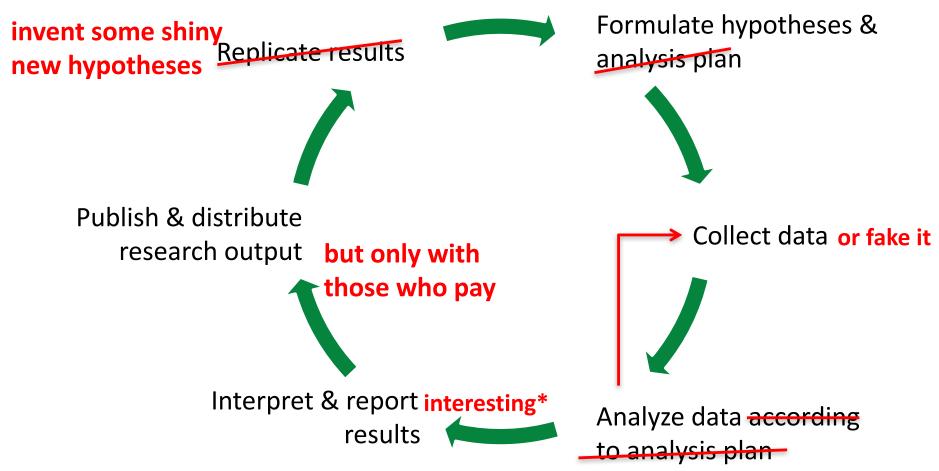
The Confirmatory Research Process





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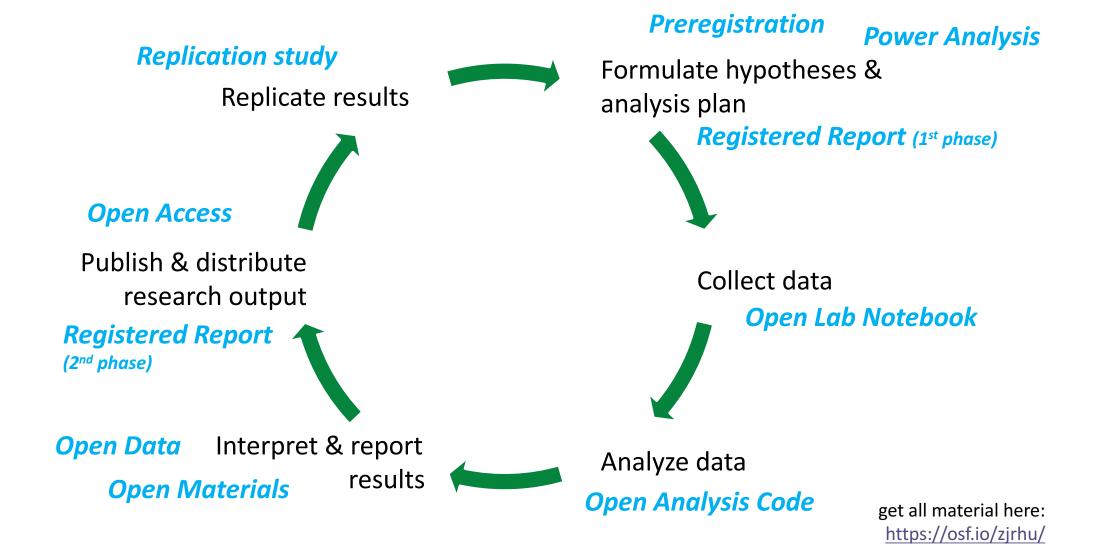
How can you know that it does not look like this?



^{*} p < .05; that fit a theory; that are surprising / publishable...

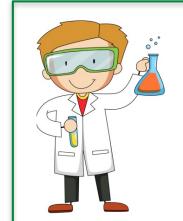


Open Science in the research process





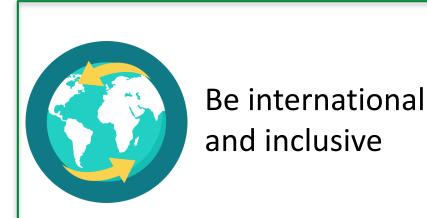
Why transparency?



Increase trust in science, don't waste public resources



Get constructive feedback





Increase the speed of discovery



However...

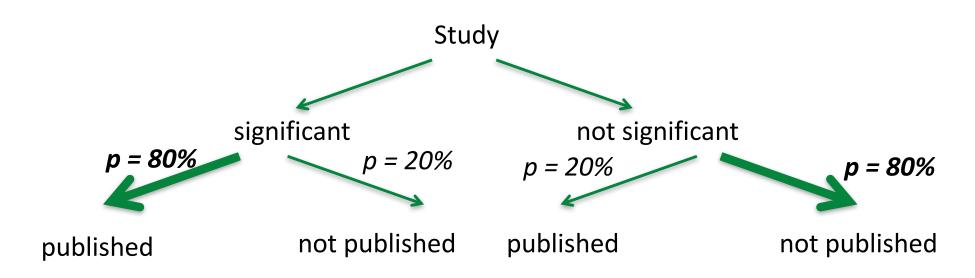
The present situation is not so bright...



Publication Bias

Definition:

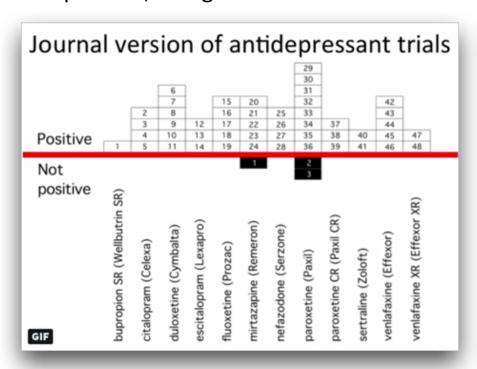
"The phenomenon in which studies with positive results are more likely to be published than studies with negative results."



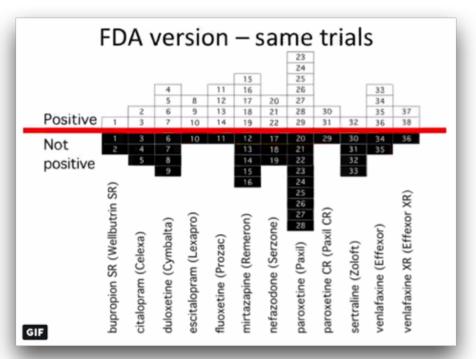


Publication Bias: Efficacy of anti-depressants (Turner et al. 2008; Meta-Analysis with k = 74)

Trials published in journals: 48 positive, 3 negative



Trials registered at FDA: 38 positive, 36 negative



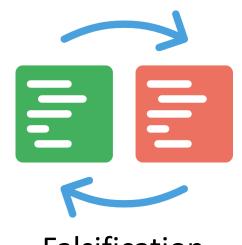


Questionable Research Practices

Scientific Misconduct



Fabrication (Making up data)



Falsification (Distorting data)



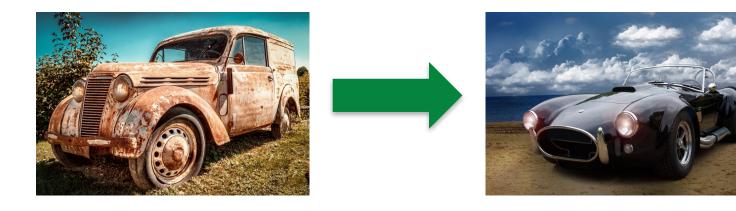
Questionable
Research Practices
(p-hacking, HARKing, selective reporting...)



Questionable Research Practices

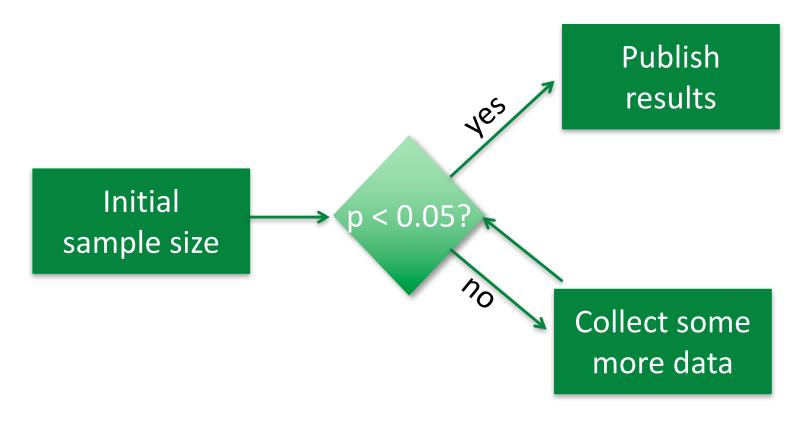
p-hacking (n.). Tune your data analysis in a way that you achieve a significant p-value in situations where it would have been non-significant.

Questionable research practices (QRPs) (*n.*). Practices of data collection and data analysis that are not outright fraud, but also not really kosher.



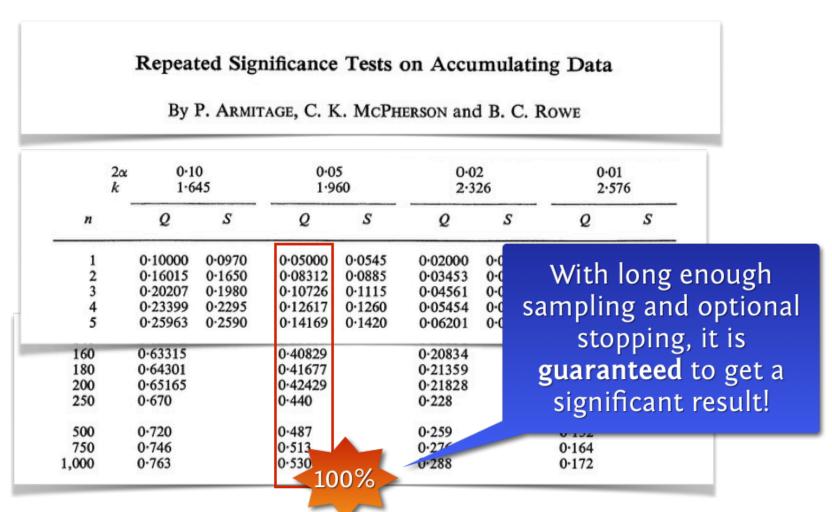


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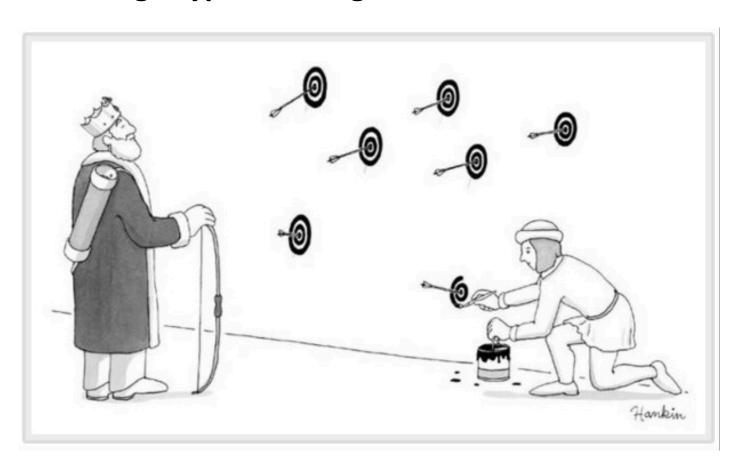
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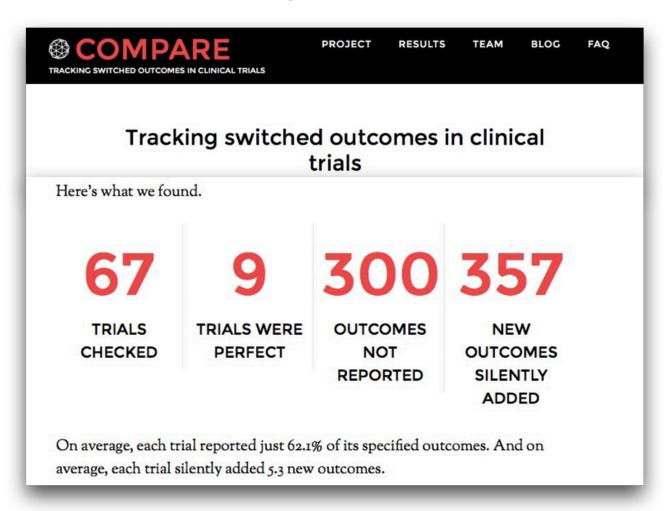


HARKing: Hypothesizing after the results are known





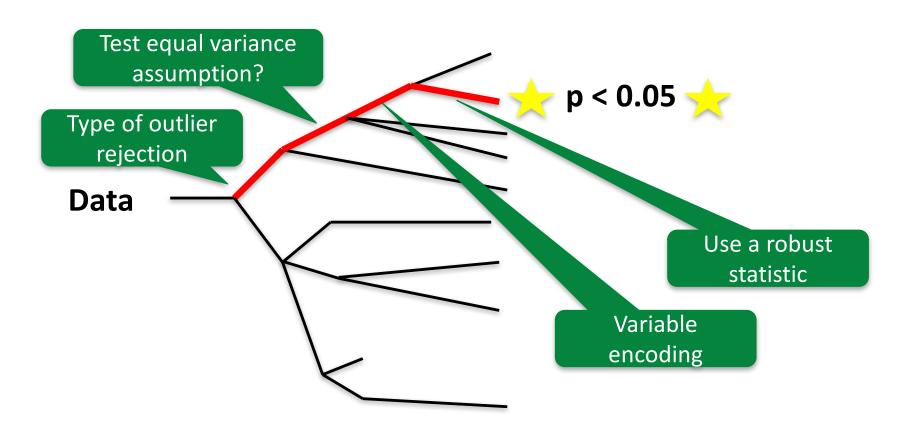
Outcome switching



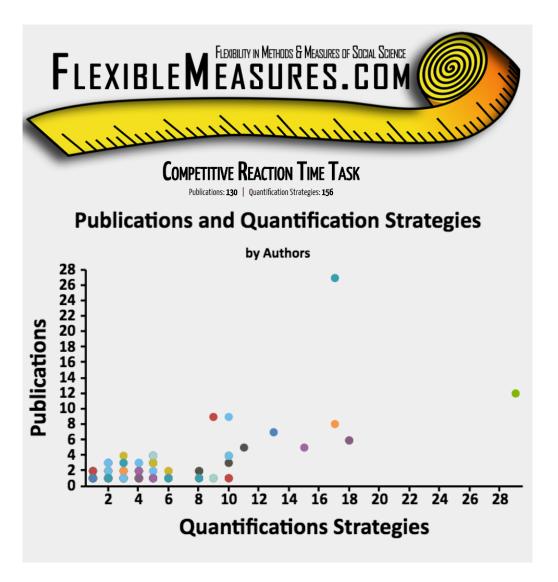
- 2 outcome variables: false positive rate
 5% → 9.5%
- 5 outcome variables with one-sided testing:
 false positive rate
 5% → 41%



The garden of forking paths / Analytical degrees of freedom







There are currently <u>130</u> publications in which results are based on the Competitive Reaction Time Task, and they reported <u>156</u> different quantification strategies in total!



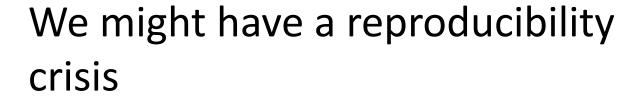
P-Hacking

Intentional?

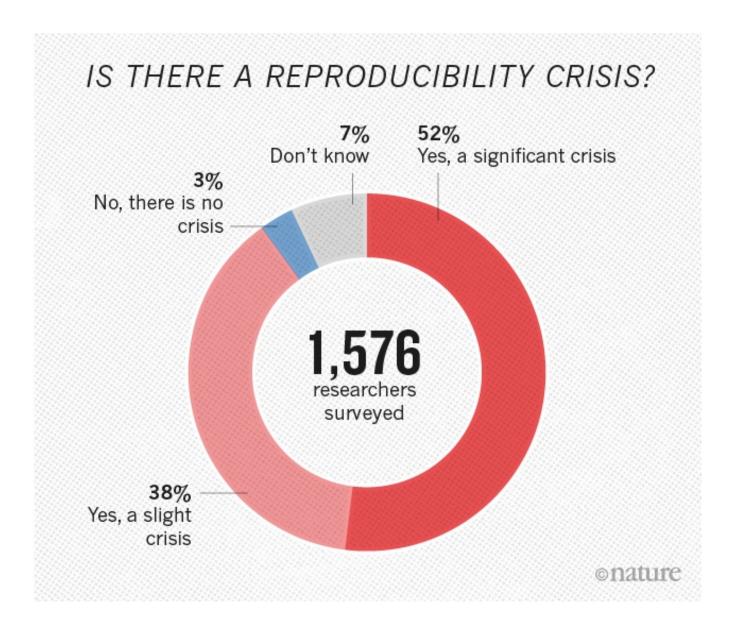
 Evil researcher who only cares about his/her career and not at all about truth-seeking?

Unintentional?

- Wrong education?
- Wrong/uncritical standards of the field?
- Pushed by supervisors, reviewers, or editors?
- Distorting effects on the published record are probably comparable, but the ethical evaluations differs strongly.



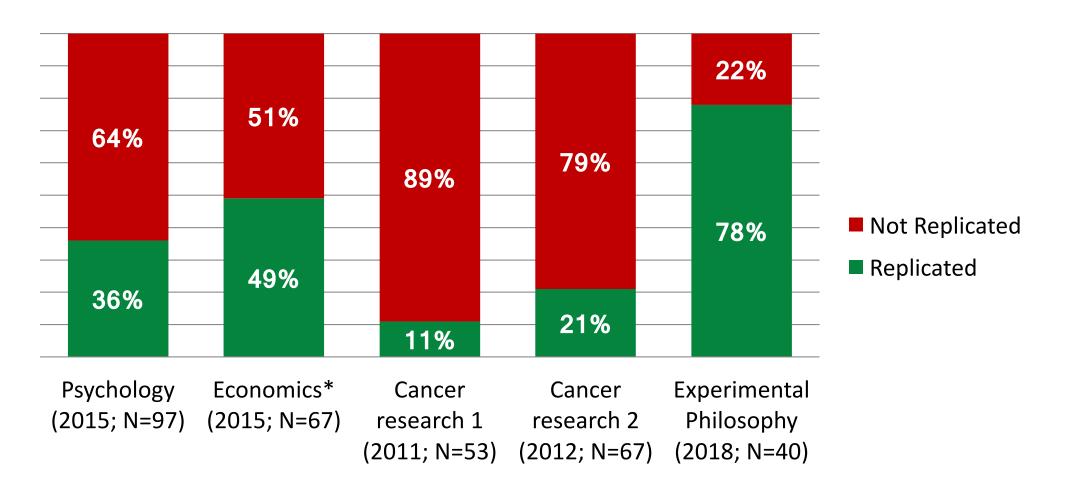




90% YES (there is a crisis)



We might have a replication crisis



^{*} The data on economics is about *reproducibility*; i.e. the attempt to get the same results if you apply the original data analysis on the original data set.



What can you do?

Publication bias
QRPs / p-hacking

Published results cannot be trusted
Resources are wasted



- (1) Identify Questionable Research Practices
- (2) Practice Open Science: Make your own research trustworthy
- (3) Help to change incentive structures



Study Design

Data Collection

Publication & Distribution

Replication

Preregistration

"The specification of a research design, hypotheses, and analysis plan prior to observing the outcomes of a study"



Nosek & Lindsay (2018)

- Prevent HARKing
- Reduce analytical flexibility
- Make selective reporting visible
- Get early feedback
- Take credit for your ideas
- Regulatory agencies require it



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Apply for Registered Report

"Registered Reports are a form of empirical journal article in which methods and proposed analyses are preregistered and peer-reviewed prior to research being conducted. High-quality protocols are then provisionally accepted for publication before data collection commences."

COS(2018): www.cos.io/rr/

- Advantages of preregistration
- Guaranteed publication independent of results
- Peer review for your design



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Open Lab Notebook

"Researchers use a lab notebook to document their hypotheses, experiments, and initial analysis or interpretation of these experiments. The lab notebook serves as an organizational tool, a memory aid, and can have a role in protecting intellectual property that comes from the research."

Goyal, Malviya, & Kapoor (2012)

- Gain & share procedural knowledge
- Increase authenticity
- Protect your intellectual property



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Open Data

"Open data should be available to everyone to access, use, and share."

GO FAIR (2018)



- Make your analyses reproducible
- Enable re-use of data for answering other research questions
- Never lose valuable data in a file drawer
- Funding agencies require it



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Open Materials

"Making components of the research methodology needed to reproduce the reported procedure and analysis publicly available."

OPEN MATERIALS

OSF (2016)

- Make your study reproducible
- Enable re-use of materials for other experiments



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Open Access

Literature which is "digital, online, free of charge, and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions".



Suber (2015)

- Enable faster progress in research by opening the access to knowledge
- Give back value to the community that funded you and not only to publishers



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Open Analysis Code

"Clean, repeatable, script-based workflow [...] that links raw data through to clean data and to final analysis outputs."

British Ecological Society (2017)

- Enable others to reproduce your analyses
- Understand your own code (after some time)
- Recreate your results with one click



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Replication

"replication is a scientific method to verify research findings and [...] refers to a repetition of a research procedure to check the accuracy or truth of the findings reported."

Schmidt (2009)

- Enhance credibility of your research
- Gain confidence in your findings & solidify the basis of your research



Let's not rest on our laurels: Current challenges.

- 1. Blind spots
- 2. High openness, low quality
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Leave your bubble!



- Blind spots within psychology?
- Project: Analyse conference programs of the subsections of the DGPs ("Fachgruppen") for keywords such as replication, reproducibility, open science.
- Leave your bubble and spread the word to your community.



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Paper does not match preregistration





Folge ich

This week's homework in my grad open science seminar was to find a preregistered article, compare it to the preregistration, and write a reaction paper. Here are representative quotes from students' reax papers

Tweet übersetzen

"The article that was published as being "preregistered" was actually completed before the preregistration was submitted. They reported the methods in terms of the experimental procedures, numbers of subjects etc. However, no analyses were preregistered... I don't really understand why this can be considered a preregistration."

"I realized that they had only preregistered one of several main questions that they were reporting on. I was appalled to see that the paper had no mention of preregistering the other components of the study, including their major finding..."

"The pre-registration left it unclear when and how the decision to conduct study X was made in relation to the other studies. Further, the power analysis and sample size justification presented in the pre-registration differed from [the sample size] presented in the paper... Although I anticipated a pre-registration would increase my faith in the credibility of the resulting paper, I believe this example had the opposite effect."

Open-washing





"However, the analysis plan was posted to OSF but unfortunately not actually registered"

"Also, the Study 3 design was part of the registration, but it did not include an analysis plan."

→ half-way preregistration?

"One of the five studies (Study 3) was preregistered"

→ Preregister one trivial research question, get the badge for the whole paper?

Open-washing





Hang on just one cotton-pickin' minute. Download the 'data' in the supplementary section marked "Appendix A. Supplementary data. The following are the supplementary data related to this article" - it is an XML file which says 'see author for data'!



Who is responsible for checking/enforcing the badges?

•,,Self-disclosure model":

Authors sign the statement "I have a preregistration and my paper matches the prereg", but verification is left to community (in post-publication peer review)

→ badge means: "This is verifiable in principle" (but somebody still has to do it)

•,,verification model":

Reviewers and or editors do the verification

- → badge means: "This has been verified and can be trusted" (but extra burden for reviewers and editors)
- Registered Reports as a much better model? Preregistration is the paper, no mismatch possible. Reviewers check it during stage 1 review.

FAIR data



- Findable: Metadata and data should be easy to find for both humans and computers.
- Accessible: Once the user finds the required data, she/he needs to know how can they be accessed, possibly including authentication and authorisation.
- Interoperable: The data usually need to be integrated with other data. In addition, the data need to interoperate with applications or workflows for analysis, storage, and processing.
- Reusable: Metadata and data should be welldescribed so that they can be replicated and/or combined in different settings.

Open Data vs. FAIR data



- FAIR data can be not open
 - -e.g., if a data set is findable, reuseable, etc., but only accessible within a closed research group
- Open Data can be not FAIR
 - —e.g., an undocumented data dump in an uncurated repository, such as OSF, which is neither findable, nor reuseable, nor interoperable
- FAIR dimensions are quality criteria that can be applied to data sets. Ideally, a data set is open and FAIR.



Open-Washing = Hey, let's game the new system!

Endorse open science on Twitter and your CV, try to get badges with minimum effort, pretend openness but do not deliver.



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- Hypothesis: Open science practices increase the credibility, the veridicality*, and the replicability of research.
- A critic could say:
 Where is the empirical evidence? You rush
 implementing all these interventions and reforms
 without having any evidence that they actually have the
 desired effect.

^{*} the degree to which a theory or interpretation accurately represents reality





Rowhani-Farid et al. Research Integrity and Peer Review (2017) 2:4

REVIEW

Open Access

What incentives increase data sharing in health and medical research? A systematic review

Anisa Rowhani-Farid* , Michelle Allen and Adrian G. Barnett

Results: Only one incentive (using open data badges) has been tested in health and medical research that examined data sharing rates. The number of opinion pieces (n = 85) out-weighed the number of article-testing strategies (n = 76), and the number of observational studies exceeded them both (n = 106).

Conclusions: Given that data is the foundation of evidence-based health and medical research, it is paradoxical that there is only one evidence-based incentive to promote data sharing. More well-designed studies are needed in order to increase the currently low rates of data sharing.



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Richard Horton, Editor von *The Lancet*

Much of the scientific literature, perhaps half, may simply be untrue.

Part of the problem is that no one is incentivised to be **right**.

Quantity, not quality



Actual (not desired) relevance at professorship hiring committees:	Rank
Number of peer-reviewed publications	1
Fit of research profile to the advertising institution	2
Quality of research talk	3
Number of publications	4
Volume of acquired third-party funding	5
Number of first authorships	6
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"The rules of the game"

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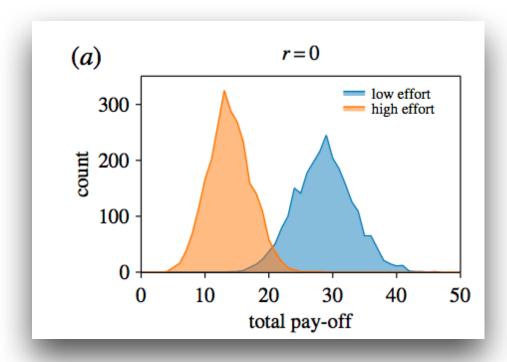
Chance of Getting at Least 1 Significant Result Small N = 100.8 9.0 Proportion

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"Evolution of bad science"





1 Large Study 1 Large Study with QRPs 5 Small Studies 5 Small Studies with QRPs

8.0

1.0

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Quality assessment of the best three publications	17
•••	•••
Indicators of research transparency	41 (of 41)

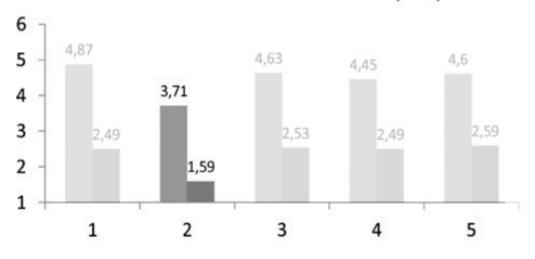
Quality, not quantity

Job committees

Kriterien mit der größten Diskrepanz zwischen "Soll" und "Ist"







1: Führungskompetenz

2: Indikatoren von Forschungstransparenz

- 3: Organisations- und Managementkompetenz
- 4: Nachwuchsförderung
- 5: Strategisches Denken



Roadmap

Fast adoption vs. High (FAIR) quality? OSC

- Low hurdles, one small step at a time
- Reward small steps
 Sharing something even badly documented data is better than sharing nothing.
- Learning by doing
 With increasing practice, hopefully the quality gets better, too.
- But: (Initially) Low quality

Barely reusable data sets; trying to reproduce a result is a pain in the ass or impossible; data reuse very limited.

• Risk of "open-washing" Pretending openness without actual value.

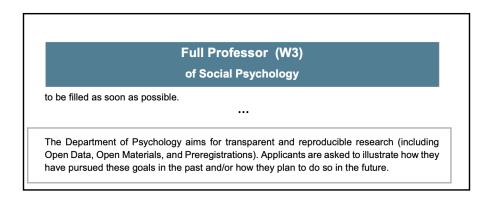
- High hurdles
 Mainly enthusiasts/computer
 scientists will able and motivated use
 it
- Reward big steps
 Curated repositories with input quality control.
- Instant high quality
 The data sets which are open are instantly FAIR.

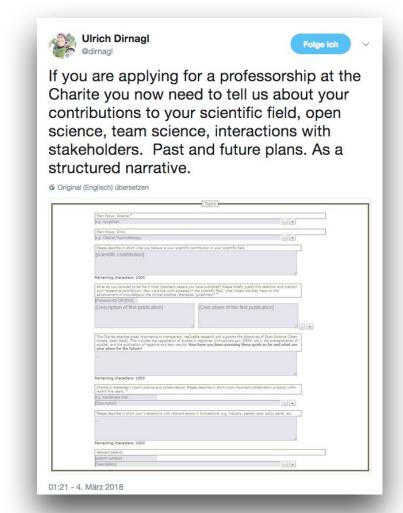
Hiring committees: Make "open science" a desirable or essential job characteristic





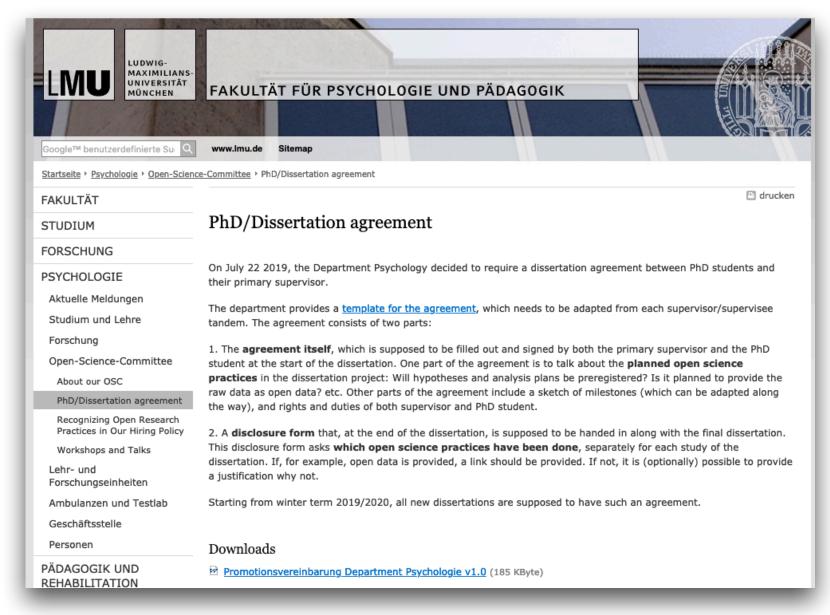
Since 2015: All professorship job descriptions use this requirement



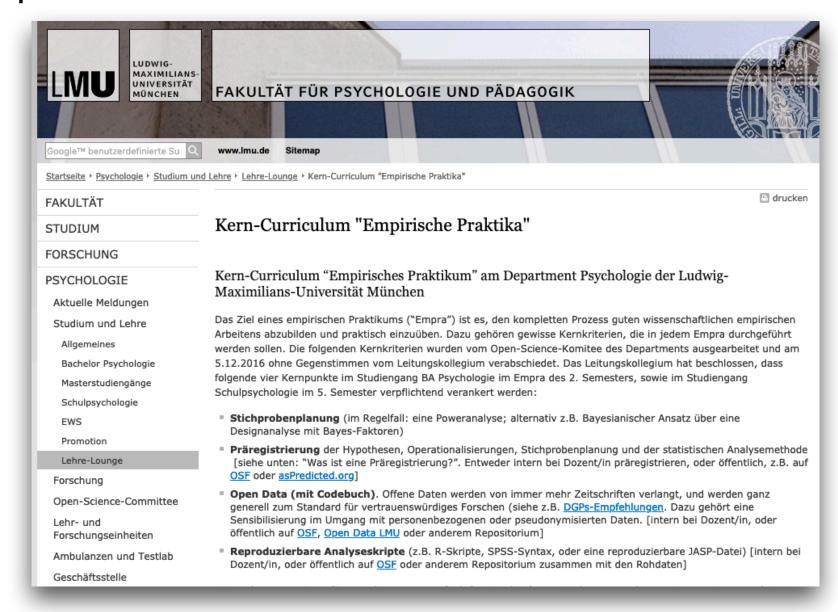


See more such prof job ads at: https://osf.io/7jbnt/

Dissertation agreement



Open science in curricula



Hiring committees: Require an annotated CV with limited items (e.g., <= 10)



No journal; JIF is irrelevant or misleading

Paper-level citation metrics

Basic information for judging evidential value

Open science indicators: Judging reproducibility

Data: own collection or reuse?

Authors & title	Year	Cit- ations	Sample size per study	p-value per study	Open Science indicators	Data set	Applicants contribution
Doe, John & Smith, Peter	2001	47	n ₂ = 30	$p_1 = .048$ $p_2 = .050$ $p_3 = .023$	□Open Data □Open Material □Preregistered	☑Own data collection → URL NA □Archival data	Analyzed dataWrote manuscript
Doe, John	2016	26		p ₁ = .012 p ₂ = .001	☑ Open Data ☑Open Material ☑Preregistered	✓ Own data collection → URL osf.io/as1cd ☐ Archival data	Designed studyWrote manuscript



Open Science: Who to ask?

- Ask Open Science Initiative (University of Bielefeld) https://ask-open-science.org/
- Your local Open Science Initiative <u>https://osf.io/tbkzh/wiki/home</u>
- Reddit Open Science

https://www.reddit.com/r/Open_Science/



Open Science: 3 Easy Steps

How you can improve your OS record (almost) without effort

- 1. When reviewing a paper: Keep an eye on QRPs and ask for open data and open material (https://opennessinitiative.org/)
- 2. Which parts of your research process can you make open? Start out with the least work-intensive part and give it a try!
- 3. Get a Twitter account and join the discussion



Open Science: What you learned

- Open Science as part of good research practice
- The science hamster wheel: Incentive structures in research
- The replication crisis: Non-replicability in research and its problems
- Identify scientific misconduct: Fabrication, Falsification,
 Questionable Research Practices
- Methods of p-hacking: Optional stopping, HARKing, selective reporting, analytical flexibility
- The open research process: Preregistration, Registered Reports, Open Lab Notebooks, Open Data, Open Materials, Open Access Publishing, Replication Studies
- How to make a change: Open Science networks and initiatives



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