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# Challenges and opportunities with data sharing

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#### Outline

- Rates of data sharing
- Attitudes of authors towards data sharing
- Behaviors of data sharing
- FAIR data sharing
- Challenges of data sharing
- Opportunities

#### How often were data shared?



Authors helped 🔳 Extreme 📕 Very 📕 Moderate 📕 Some 📕 Minimal 📕 No 25% 1 75% 50% 0% 100% Protocol clarifications needed 📕 Few 📕 Some 📕 Moderate 📕 Strong 📕 Extreme 25% 50% 1 75% 0% 100% Reagents offered 🔳 Yes | 📕 No | 🔳 N/A 25% 75% 50% 0% 100% Code shared 🔳 Open | 🔳 Yes | 📒 Some info | 📕 No | 🔳 N/A 25% 50% 75% 0% 100% Analysis reported Statistical inference: Test known | Test unknown | No, but variation | No, but image 25% 50% 75% 0% 100% Data shared 🔳 Open | 🔳 Raw | 📒 Summary | 📕 No 25% 50% 75% 0% 100% 2% had open data; after requests 16% shared raw data

#### How often were data shared?

## **DATA-SHARING BEHAVIOUR**

Of almost 1,800 manuscripts for which the authors stated they were willing to share their data, more than 90% of corresponding authors either declined or did not respond to requests for data. Only about 7% of authors actually handed over data.



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\* 381/3,556 articles linked to data in online repositories (10.7%)

Gabelica et al., 2022; Watson, 2022

#### Data access declines with age



Vines et al., 2013; Tedersoo et al., 2021

#### How often was help provided?



Errington	et al.,	2021
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41% extremely/very helpful, 32% not at all helpful/no response

#### Attitudes towards data sharing by discipline



Pujol Priego et al., 2022

#### Data sharing behaviors



Pujol Priego et al., 2022

#### Where do researchers store their research data?



#### Data Availability Statements Over Time



Correlation of up to 25.36% more citations for articles that share their data in a repository

Colavissa et al, 2020

#### Resource availability with identifier



Federer, 2022

#### Frequency of carrying out specific FAIR-related activities



#### FAIR assessment of 59 studies



Hamilton et al., 2022

#### Likely cost of not having FAIR research data



#### Familiarity with the FAIR principles



#### Why do researchers store research data in repositories?



### Key barriers

	To a very large extent	To a large extent	To a moderate extent	To a small extent	To a very small extent	Not important in / applicable to my field of research
Pressure to publish for career advancement (N=1,245)	30%	28%	18%	10%	8%	6%
Lack of overall recognition given to research practices that promote reproducibility (N=1,243)	20%	32%	22%	11%	8%	8%
Extensive time and effort required to make research reproducible (i.e. describing, sharing, preserving data and methodologies, etc.) (N=1,267)	16%	34%	28%	10%	8%	5%
Lack of unified guidelines and commonly accepted standards for reproducible research practices (N=1,245)	16%	28%	26%	14%	9%	8%
Insufficient attention is paid to reproducibility-related topics during training and professional development (N=1,246)	15%	28%	29%	13%	8%	6%
Lack of access to the data used or generated by the original research (N=1,239)	17%	26%	23%	15%	11%	7%
Methods require tacit knowledge or particular technical expertise that makes them difficult for others to reproduce (N=1,205)	15%	28%	25%	13%	10%	9%
Focus on reproducibility is not incentivised by home research institutions (e.g. through hiring, tenure, promotion, etc.) (N=1,212)	16%	26%	23%	14%	12%	9%
Lack of journal policies promoting good reproducibility practices (N=1,215)	13%	25%	27%	15%	12%	8%
Research funders do not provide enough incentives to make research reproducible (N=1,218)	13%	23%	25%	15%	16%	9%
Selective reporting of results (including p-hacking / HARKing, lack of reporting of negative / null results) (N=1,058)	11%	25%	23%	15%	10%	16%
Legal or ethical restrictions (e.g. on data sharing) (N=1,264)	16%	19%	19%	14%	16%	16%
Original findings not robust enough (i.e. due to poor research design, statistical analysis, lack of verification or peer-review, etc.) (N=1,200)	10%	23%	28%	17%	13%	9%
Lack of publication of research protocols (N=1,198)	8%	23%	27%	19%	10%	13%
Lack of pre-registration of studies (N=1,058)	5%	15%	21%	20%	15%	24%

#### Obstacles to the management and sharing of research data



#### Ways in which research sharing costs were covered



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#### The long tail of data



Ferguson et al., 2014

#### Many standards



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#### Automate processes?



#### Summary

- FAIR data sharing in repositories helps with data transparency, reproducibility, reuse, and impact
- Researchers need help unaware of FAIR practices and challenges in time, effort, and cost of data sharing
- The 'long-tail' of data complicates this further with many options
- Education, support, and workflows/tools to help automate process are potential opportunity areas

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