Open Data & Code Sharing
A practical guide

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	Percent increase in citation count (95% confidence interval)	p-value
Publish in a journal with twice the impact factor	84% (59 to 109%)	<0.001
Increase the publication date by a month	−3% (−5 to −2%)	<0.001
Include a US author	38% (1 to 89%)	0.049
Make data publicly available	**69% (18 to 143%)**	**0.006**

We calculated a multivariate linear regression over the citation counts, including covariates for journal impact factor, date of publication, US authorship, and data availability. The coefficients and p-values for each of the covariates are shown here, representing the contribution of each covariate to the citation count, independent of other covariates.
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Public Library of Science (PLOS)

- Est. 2001 as a non-profit publisher and advocacy organisation with a mission to accelerate progress in science & medicine by leading a transformation in research communication

- Seven Open Access online journals covering the breadth of science, medicine, engineering and related fields

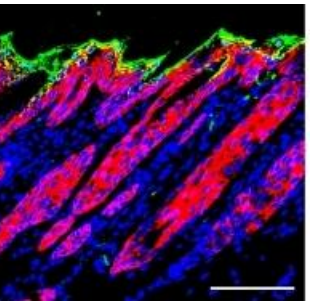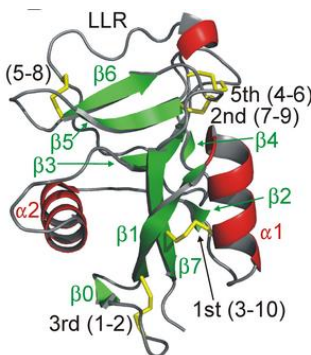## Considerations for policy implementations

- Scale of PLOS ONE
  - 21,000 publications in 2017
  - 7500 Academic Editors

- 28 staff editors with PhD-level research experience to lead policy discussions

- Multi- and interdisciplinarity: Vastly different communities with different needs, from Social Sciences to Clinical Sciences, from Molecular Biology to Electrical Engineering

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Making data available fosters scientific progress

Data availability allows:

- Validation, replication, reanalysis, new analysis
- Reproducibility
- Increased value of research through re-use
- Easier citation of data
- Evidence that sharing data increases impact of work

journals.plos.org/plosone/s/data-availability

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PLOS Data Policy – what does it say?

Since March 2014…

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

When submitting a manuscript online, authors must provide a **Data Availability Statement** describing compliance with PLOS's policy.

Guidance for researchers on which repositories are suitable and how to share data.

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What Data?

Data underlying the findings
- Dataset used to reach the conclusions, incl. related metadata and methods, and any additional data required for replication

Where?

Preferred: Community repository
- PLOS provides list of acceptable repositories
- Authors must provide dois or accession numbers

Possible: Supplementary information and paper itself
- All supplementary information files have doi and are uploaded to figshare

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Exceptions

- **Ethical or legal reasons**, e.g., compromising patient confidentiality or participant privacy

- Data deposition could present some **other threat**, e.g., revealing the locations of fossil deposits

Examples of non-compliance

- "Available upon request" from author **without giving valid reason**
- **Proprietary data** that other researchers cannot obtain

Citation: Drake JM, Kaul RB, Alexander LW, O'Regan SM, Kramer AM, Pulliam JT, et al. (2015) Ebola Cases and Health System Demand... e1002056. doi:10.1371/journal.pbio.10020...

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Data Availability: The authors confirm that all data underlying the findings are fully available without restriction. The raw sequence data has been deposited in NCBI Sequence Read Archive with accessions SRX710894-711341 and the Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) Series with accession number GSE61810 (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSE61810). Supplemental datasets have been made available from the Dryad Digital Repository: http://dx.doi.org/10.5061/dryad.4kh67.

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The data availability statement is openly available, and machine-readable as part of the PLOS search API

Data availability checks

- **In-house checks on basic compliance**:

  - Does data availability statement comply with policy?

  - Are there some files available?

- **Academic Editors and Referees:**

  - What constitutes a "data underlying the findings" in any given case?

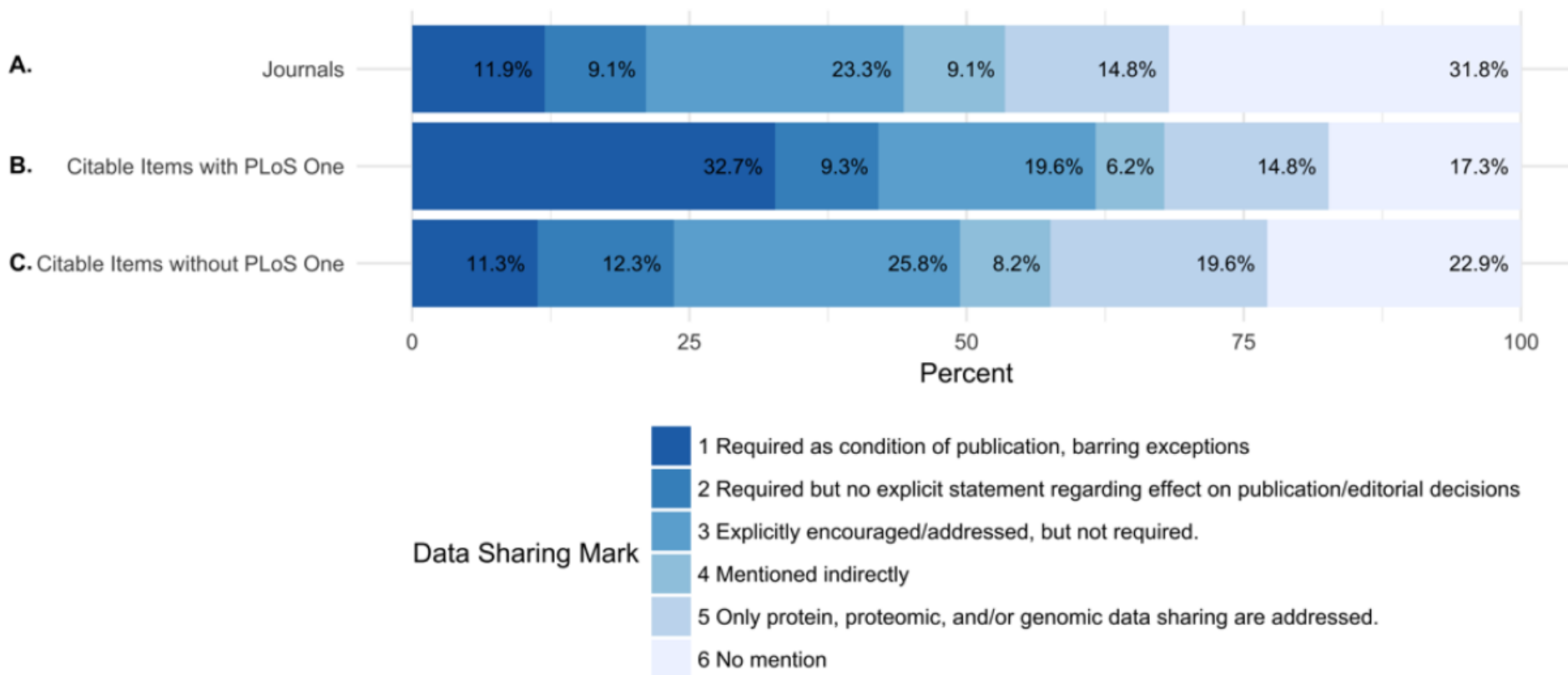|	
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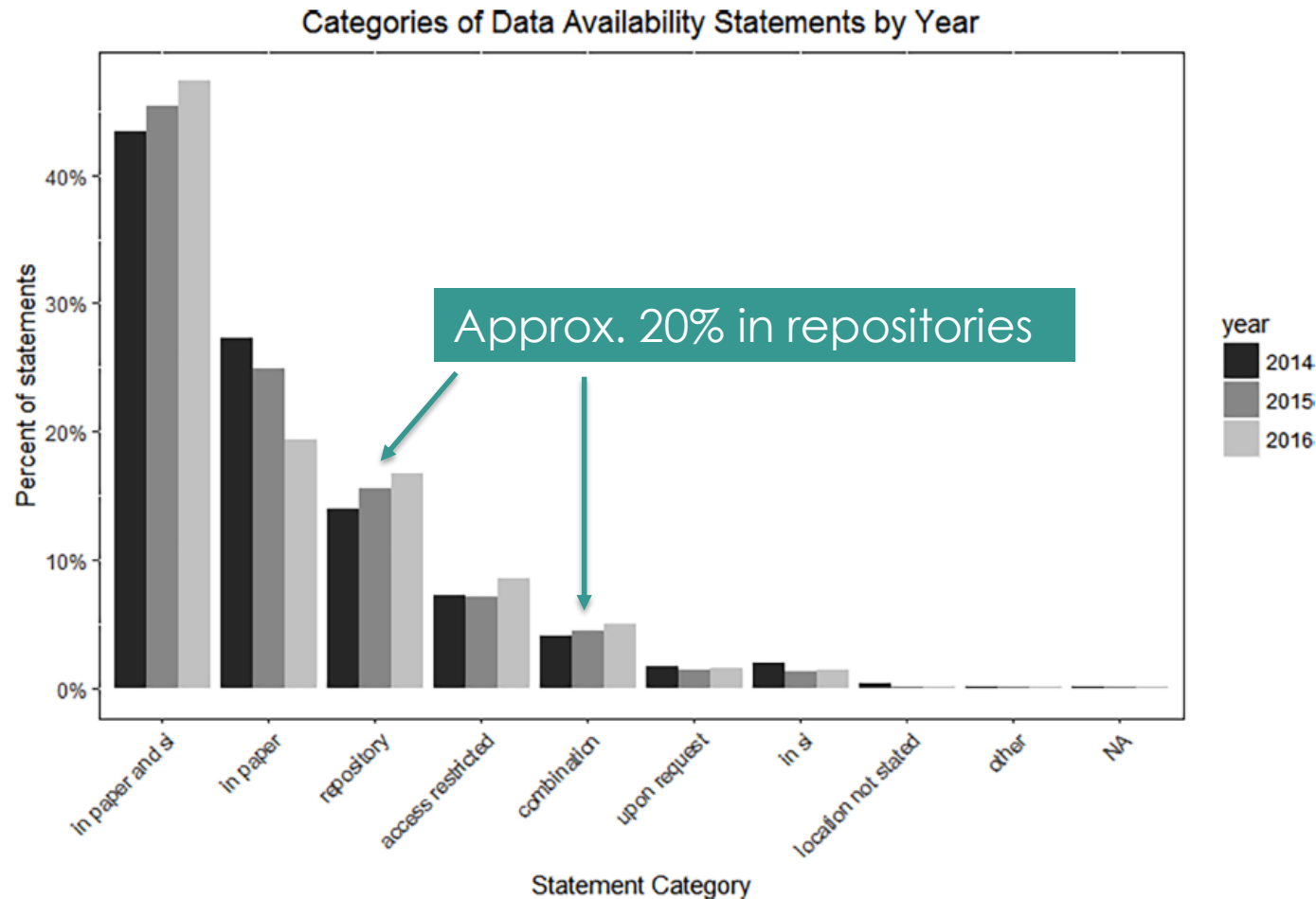papers published with a data statement at PLOS

<0.1%
of submissions rejected due to authors' unwillingness or inability to share data

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Data sharing policies make a difference

Vasilevsky *et al*. *PeerJ,* DOI 10.7717/peerj.3208 (2017)

Data availability statements 2014-16
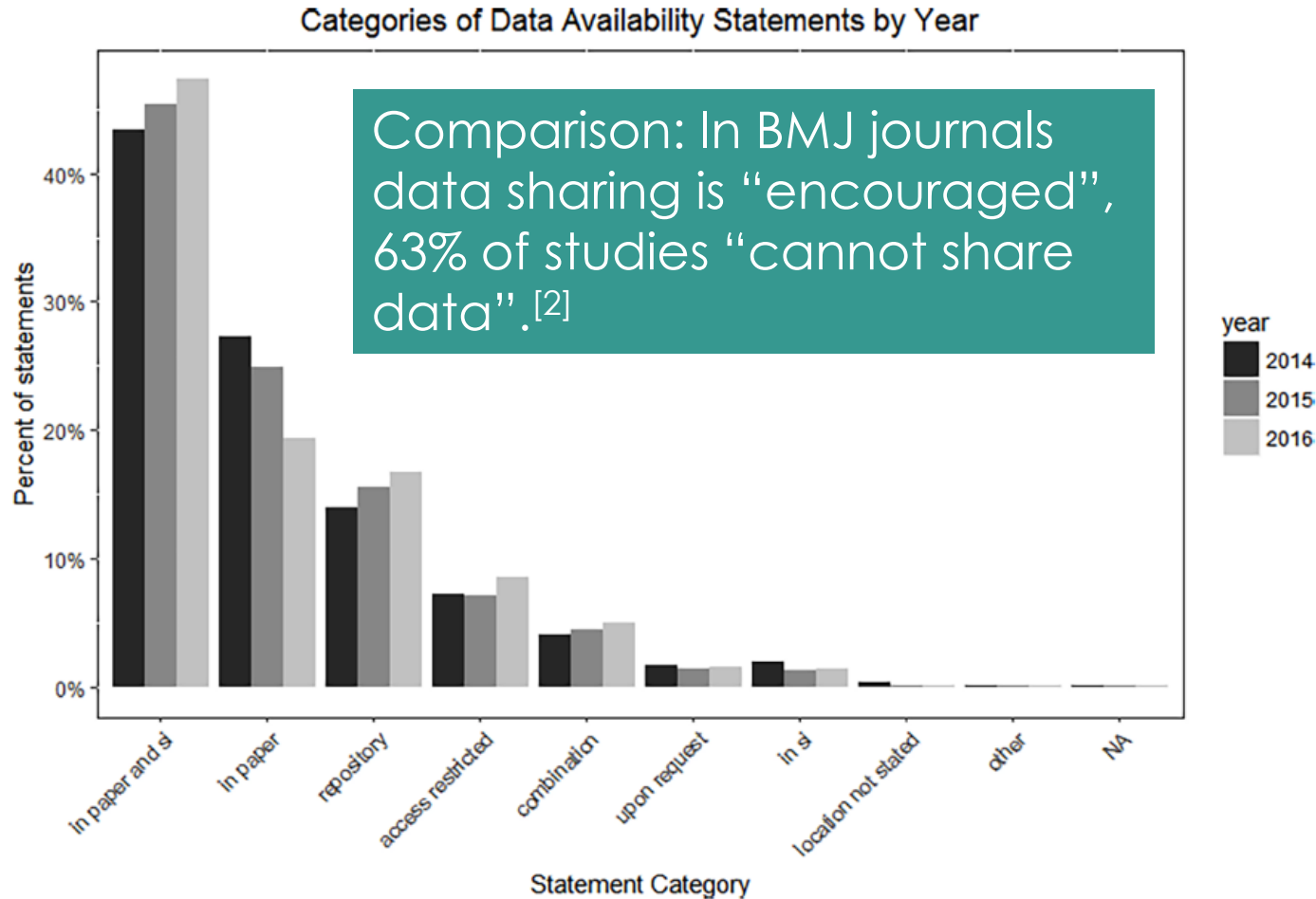

Categories of Data Availability Statements by Year

Approx. 20% in repositories

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Comparison: In BMJ journals data sharing is "encouraged", 63% of studies "cannot share data".[2]

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[2] McDonald L et al. (2017) A review of data sharing statements in observational studies published in the BMJ: A cross-sectional study. F1000Research 2017, 6: 1708

Popular repositories 2014-16

Repository	Count of mentions
Figshare	1,446
Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO)	1,001
Genbank	999
Dryad	987
Non-repository website	329
Institutional repository	317
Zenodo	100

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Practical Data Sharing – general tips

Build open data sharing into everything you do

Prepare all data sets that you use and produce in the knowledge that they will be shared -- or share openly as you create them.

Consider

What are community standards around presentation of this data?

Which metadata is necessary to make this data useful?

How to document processing steps?

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Standards around data and metadata

re3data.org

Some general purpose data repositories: Dryad, Harvard Dataverse, Zenodo, Open Science Framework

FAIRsharing.org
standards, databases, policies

If you can't find standards around data sharing and metadata for your specific method, get together with your colleagues and mentors and start the discussion!

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The importance of sharing protocols

protocols.io

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[Follow]

2017: "Devices were fabricated as previously described [ref 8]"

[ref 8] 2015: "Devices were fabricated as previously described [ref 4]"

[ref 4] 2013: "Devices were fabricated as previously described [ref 2]"

[ref 2] 2009: "Devices were fabricated with conventional methods"

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The importance of sharing protocols

Step 2—do the rest of the f█████g analysis

How to draw an owl

1.

2.

1. Draw some circles   2. Draw the rest of the fucking owl

So when starting a new research project, one can feel like one is trying to draw an owl using the above tutorial. This is because we tend to learn about methods by reading papers, and the Methods section of any given paper is often, to put it mildly, *terse*. To pursue the *How to draw an owl* analogy, a Methods section could read

We draw the owl on 60.2 gsm white paper of the A4 dimension (210mm by 297mm), using 3H and 6B graphite pencils (Derwent, Cumbria, UK). We did so by looking at owls, and drawing what we saw on paper. This protocol yielded one drawn owl.

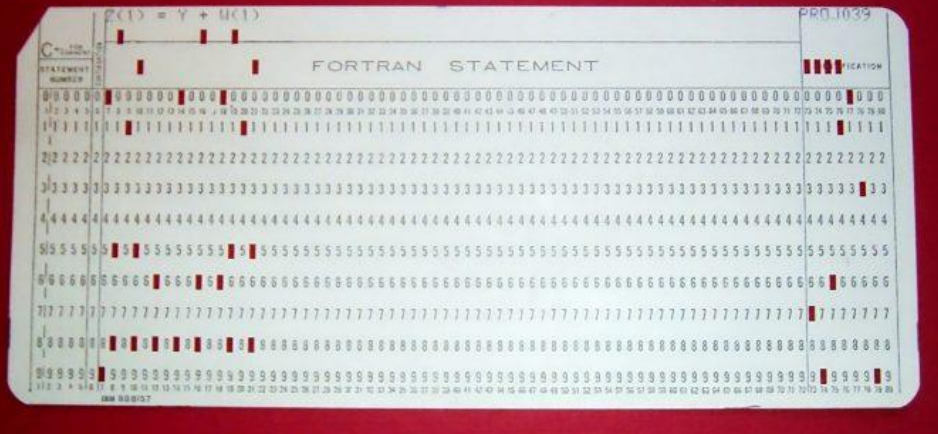https://medium.com/@tpoi/do-the-rest-of-the-fucking-analysis-8fcef22fd991

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Sharing Code in the 21st century does not require snail mail!

Source Code Sharing:
Opportunities

- Sharing will increase impact of the work

- Forces better maintenance and documentation

- Credit for software development

- A great GitHub page is invaluable for students who don't stay in academia

- For some, code is easier to understand than equations

- Provenance

Peter Wittek: Stop Hiding your Code
https://blogs.plos.org/everyone/2018/04/18/stop-hiding-your-code/

Good enough practices in scientific computing

Wilson et al. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pcbi.1005510

2. Software

    a. Place a brief explanatory comment at the start of every program.

    b. Decompose programs into functions.

    c. Be ruthless about eliminating duplication.

    d. Always search for well-maintained software libraries that do what you need.

    e. Test libraries before relying on them.

    f. Give functions and variables meaningful names.

    g. Make dependencies and requirements explicit.

    h. Do not comment and uncomment sections of code to control a program's behavior.

    i. Provide a simple example or test data set.

    j. Submit code to a reputable DOI-issuing repository.

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Source Code Sharing: Github

Make it permanent with Zenodo and give it a licence!
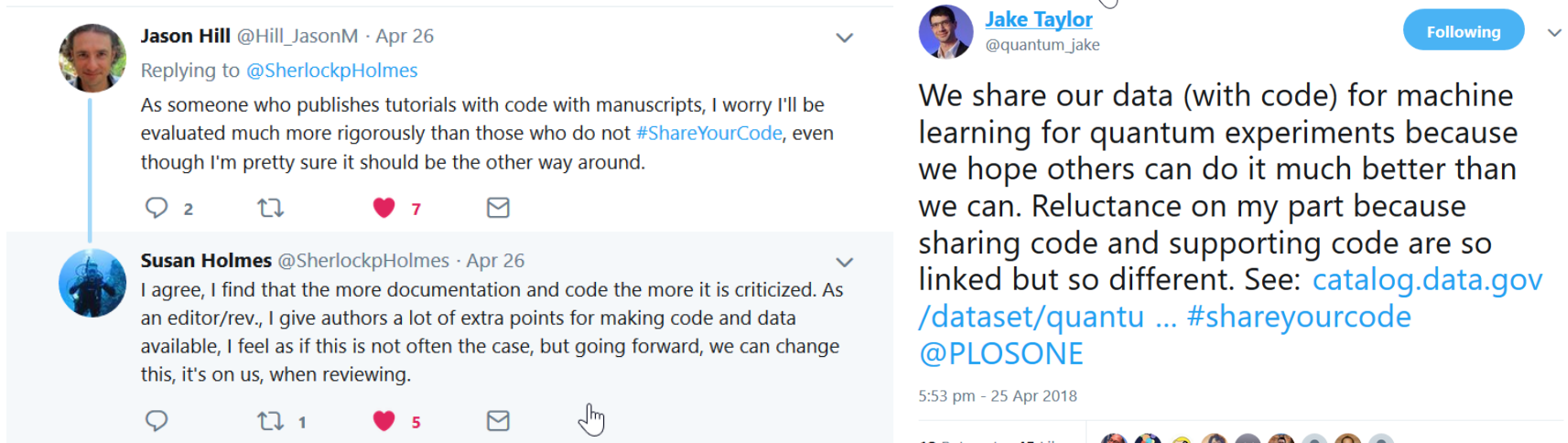
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implicit none
integer bottles1, bottles2, i

C 99 Bottles of Beer in FORTRAN

bottles1 = 99
      do 10 i = 0, 98
         bottles1 = bottles1 - i
         write(*,*) bottles,'bottles of beer on the wall,'
         write(*,*) bottles,'of beer.'
         bottles2=bottles1-1
         IF (bottles2.GT.1) THEN
            write(*,*) 'Take one down, pass it around,'
            write(*,*) bottles2,'bottles of beer on the wall.'
         ELSEIF
            write(*,*) 'Take one down, pass it around,'
            write(*,*) 'No bottles of beer on the wall.'
         ENDIF
   10  continue
```

Source Code Sharing: Challenges

"I would like to share my code but I don't know how."
-- *PLOS ONE* Academic Editor

→ Stay tuned for collections with exemplary data sharing on Quantum Computation & Simulation and Machine Learning in Health

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Preprints – partnership with bioRxiv

Authors can choose to have their work posted to the bioRxiv preprint server upon submission to PLOS journals

- PLOS staff perform initial screening to determine suitability and match with bioRxiv's scope

- Authors must opt-in at submission

- Editors can consider commentary on the preprint during the peer review process

Launched in May

Transparent peer review

In August 2018, PLOS joined over 20 publishers in announcing its commitment to offering optional transparent peer review (publication of review reports) across its journal portfolio.

Transparency, credit, and peer review

Posted August 29, 2018 by **Veronique Kiermer** in Innovation, Journal enhancements, Open Science, Publishing, Science communication

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Yesterday I signed an open letter on behalf of all PLOS journals, alongside 20 other editors representing over 100 publications, to commit to offering transparent peer review options.

Support for publication of reviewer reports has been mounting as part of a greater effort to inform the discussion on peer review practice. Our joint commitment to transparent peer review comes on the heels of a meeting we attended earlier this year organized by HHMI, The Wellcome Trust and ASAPbio. Funders, editors, and publishers came together and agreed that elevating the visibility of peer review is paramount for informed scholarly discussion and early career development. Context for the initiatives is provided today in a *Nature commentary.*

We are excited to be working alongside so many other journals eager to bring posted reviews to our communities and to help change the way in which we talk about and understand peer review.

blogs.plos.org/plos/2018/08/transparency-credit-and-peer-review/

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