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Practical tips for open science, open access and open data

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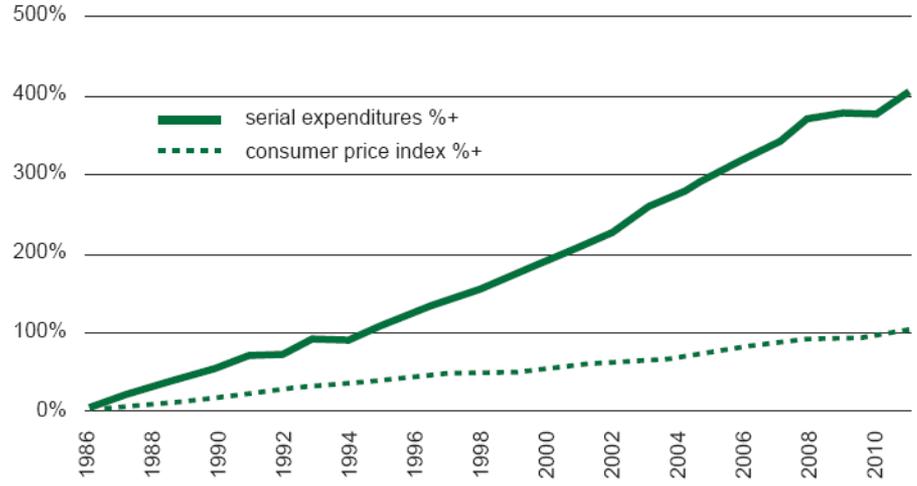
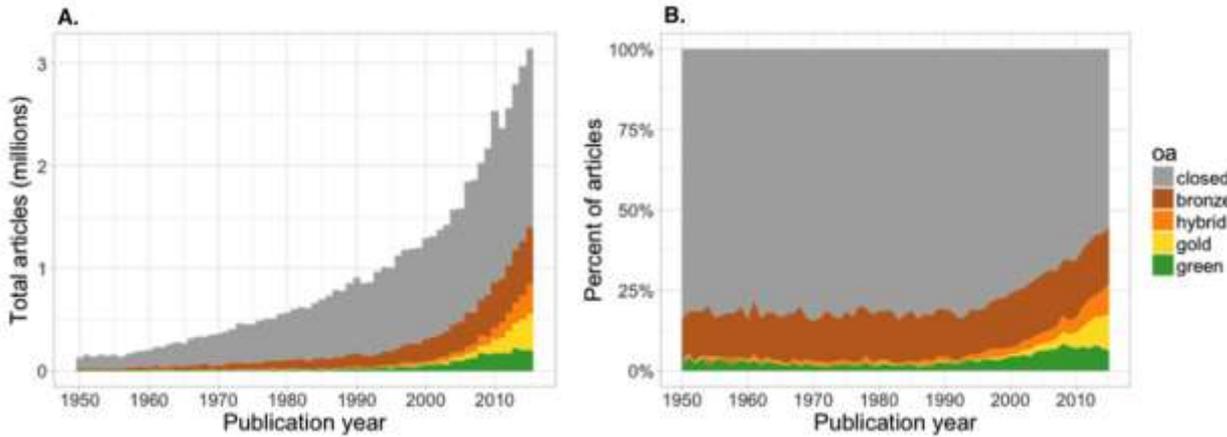
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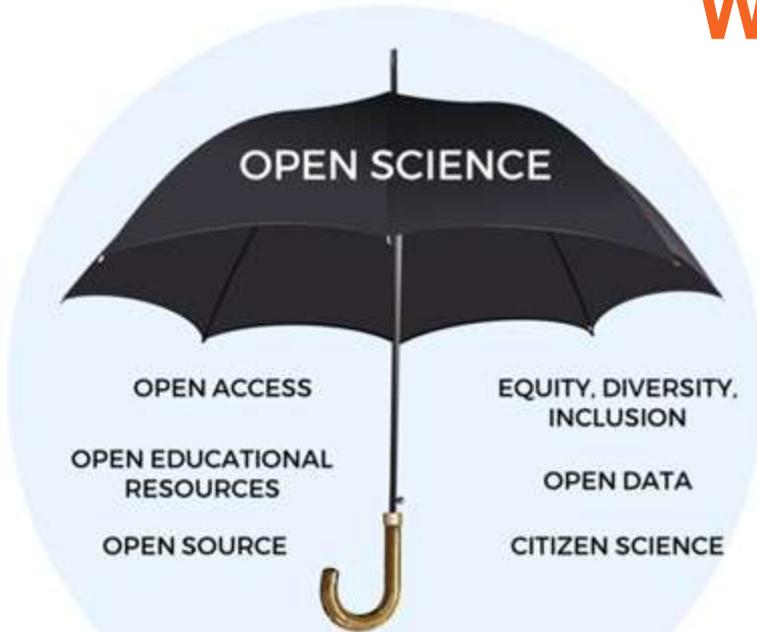
- Access crisis
- Reproducibility crisis
- Serials crisis
- Evaluation crisis



What is open science?



What is Open Science?



What do we mean when we talk about Open Science?

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Open Science is the practice of science in such a way that others can collaborate and contribute, where research data, lab notes and other research processes are freely available, under terms that enable reuse, redistribution and reproduction of the research and its underlying data and methods.

[FOSTER, Open Science Definition:

<https://www.fosteropenscience.eu/foster-taxonomy/openscience-definition>]

... but isn't this just science?

Barriers to Open Science



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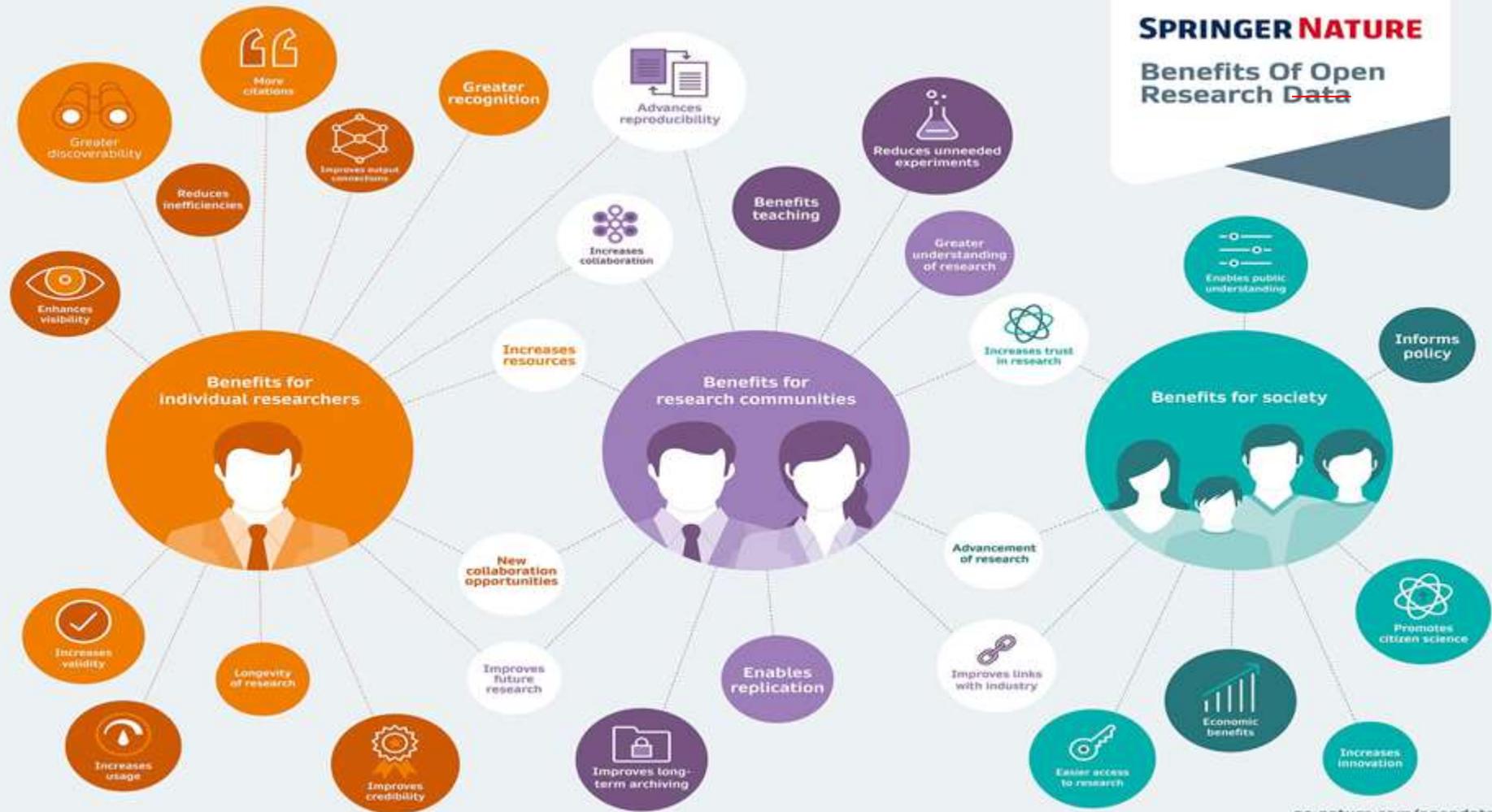
- Scooping or ideas being stolen
- Not being credited for ideas
- Errors and public humiliation
- Risk to reputation
- Reduced scientific quality
- Information overload

Barriers to Open Science



John R. McKiernan <http://whyopenresearch.org>

- Lack of awareness and training
- Cultural inertia and misinformation
- Challenging the establishment
- Follow the status quo to succeed
- Perceived lack of reward
- Not considered for promotion
- Requires additional skills
- Takes time
- Publication bias towards novel findings





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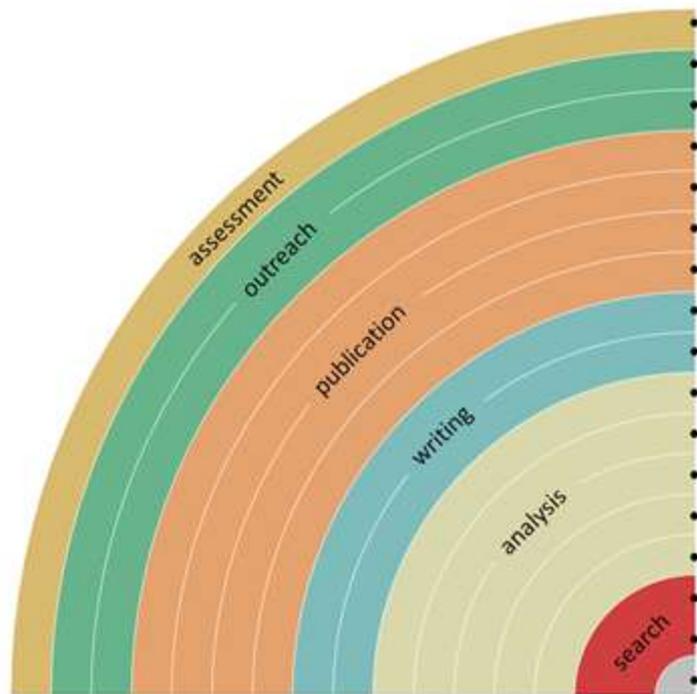
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- sharing posters & presentations, e.g. at FigShare
- using open licenses, e.g. CC0 or CC-BY
- publishing open access, 'green' or 'gold'
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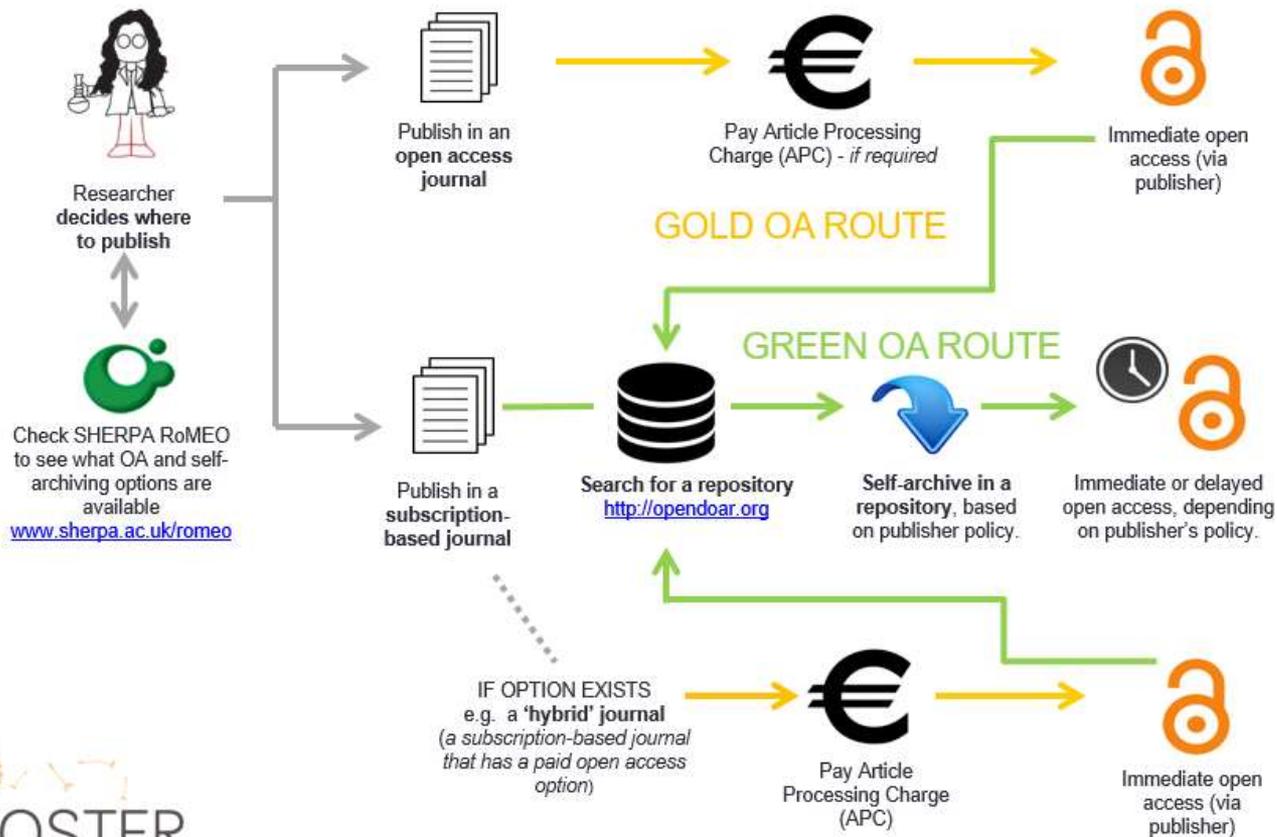


Open access

Open access

- Sir Osler - first formal journal club in Montreal
“for the purchase and distribution of periodicals which he could ill afford to subscribe as an individual”
- Only results that can be discussed, challenged, tested and reproduced by others qualify as scientific.
- Science, an institution of organised criticism
- New research builds on results from previous research.

Routes to open access publication



Preprint

- Manuscript



- Submit to Publisher
- Peer Review
- Edit

Postprint

- Accepted Manuscript



- Accepted by publisher
- Copyediting

Published

- Version of record



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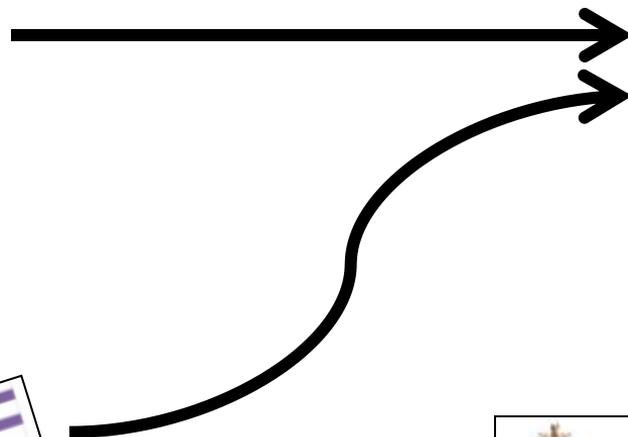
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Data sharing policies

BMJ: data sharing statement for all research papers.

- For reports of clinical trials: relevant anonymised patient level data available on reasonable request.

PLOS One: all data fully available without restriction at the time of publication.

- If public sharing legally/ethically impossible, indicate how data may be accessed (not solely contact the author).

EU Commission: a flexible pilot which has been extended.

Benefits of open data

- Allowing greater access to data to build upon and create new research from publicly accessible data.
- Enhancing the visibility of one's research.
- Allows analysis to be reproduced and verified.
- Increasing researcher transparency and reducing academic fraud.
- Ensuring compliance with funding agency mandates and journal publishing policies.

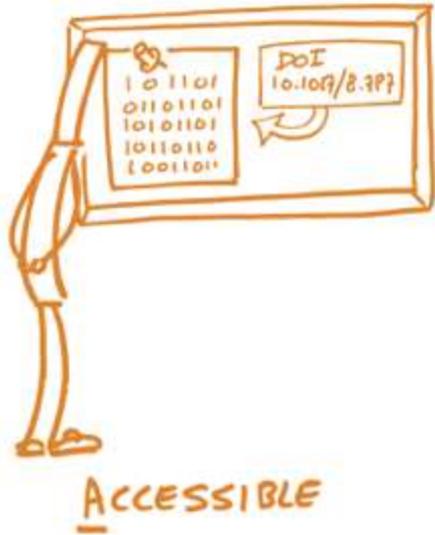
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<https://dynamicecology.wordpress.com/2015/02/18/the-biggest-benefit-of-my-shift-to-r-reproducibility/>



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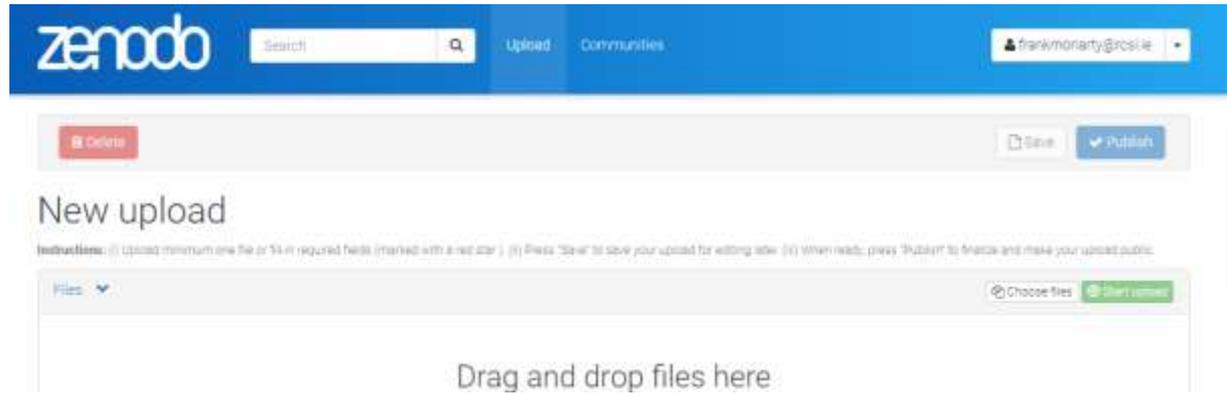
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Data and code: A Comparison of Contemporary versus Older Studies of Aspirin for Primary Prevention

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Data (comma-separated values format) and analytical code (Stata format) relating to: Moriarty F, Ebell MH. A Comparison of Contemporary versus Older Studies of Aspirin for Primary Prevention. 2019 (under review).

Abstract

Purpose: This study compares the benefits and harms of aspirin for primary prevention before and after widespread use of statins and colorectal cancer screening.

Methods: We compared studies of aspirin for primary prevention that recruited patients from 2005 onward with previous individual patient meta-analyses that recruited patients from 1978 to 2002. Data for contemporary studies were synthesized using random-effects models. We report vascular (major adverse cardiovascular events [MACE], myocardial infarction [MI], stroke), bleeding, cancer, and mortality outcomes.

Results: The IPD analyses of older studies included 95,456 patients for CV prevention and 25,270 for cancer mortality, while the four newer studies had 61,604 patients. Relative risks for vascular outcomes for older vs newer studies follow MACE: 0.89 (95% CI 0.83-0.95) vs 0.93 (0.86-0.99); fatal hemorrhagic stroke: 1.73 (1.11-2.72) vs 1.06 (0.66-1.70); any ischemic stroke: 0.86 (0.74-1.00) vs 0.86 (0.75-0.98); any MI: 0.84 (0.77-0.92) vs 0.86 (0.77-1.00); and non-fatal MI: 0.79 (0.71-0.88) vs 0.94 (0.83-1.08). Cancer death was not significantly decreased in newer studies (RR 1.11, 0.92-1.34). Major hemorrhage was significantly increased for both older and newer studies (RR 1.48, 95% CI 1.25-1.76 vs 1.37, 95% CI 1.24-1.53). There was no effect in either group on all-cause mortality, cardiovascular mortality, fatal stroke, or fatal MI.

Conclusions: In the modern era characterized by widespread statin use and cancer screening, aspirin does not reduce the risk of non-fatal MI or cancer death. There are no mortality benefits and a significant risk of major hemorrhage. Aspirin should no longer be recommended for primary prevention.

Study	StudyYear	Outcome	EventASA	NonEventsASA	TotalASA	EventControl	NonEven-
ARRIVE	ARRIVE, 2016	All cause mortality	160	6110	6270	161	6115
ASCEND	ASCEND, 2016	All cause mortality	748	6992	7740	792	6948

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Summary

- Open access now compulsory in many cases
- Open data also gaining prominence
- Both relatively easy to achieve

“ Future generations will look on the term "open science" as a tautology - a throwback from an era before science woke up. **Open science will simply become known as science,** and the closed, secretive practices that define our current culture will seem as primitive to them as alchemy is to us.

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