

Open and Transparent: How Research Data Supports Research Integrity

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Introduction

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- Background in data repositories, libraries and data policy development.
- Qualified Open Data trainer.
- PhD explored the evolution of research data management policy and practice.

What is research integrity?

Key elements of Research Integrity include:

- **Honesty**
- **Rigour**
- **Transparency** and **open communication**
- The **care** and **respect** of all participants
- **Accountability**

(University of Edinburgh)

Research integrity (RI) is conducting research in a way which allows others to have **trust** and **confidence** in the methods used and the findings in that result.

(Imperial College London)

Research carried out with a high level of integrity upholds values of **honesty, rigour, transparency** and **open communication**.

(UKRI)

- Intellectual **honesty** in proposing, performing, and reporting research;
- **Accuracy** in representing contributions to research proposals and reports;
- **Fairness** in peer review;
- **Transparency** in conflicts of interest or potential conflicts of interest;
- **Protection** of human subjects in the conduct of research.

(NCBI)

What underpins
research
integrity?



Trust

Transparency

Openness

Rigour

Honesty

Open Access publishing

1. Making content **freely available** online to read (OA Libre) and/or making content **reusable** by third parties with little or no restrictions (OA Gratis)
2. **Gold Open Access** – published in fully Open or mixed access (hybrid) journal with an APC (Article Processing Charge)
3. **Green Open Access** – published in “traditional” journal with a copy or pre-print deposited openly elsewhere.

- ● Open Access offers greater **visibility, transparency** and **impact**.

Articles published Open Access with Taylor & Francis typically receive **32% more citations** and over **6 times as many downloads**.

Research integrity



✓ Open Access articles

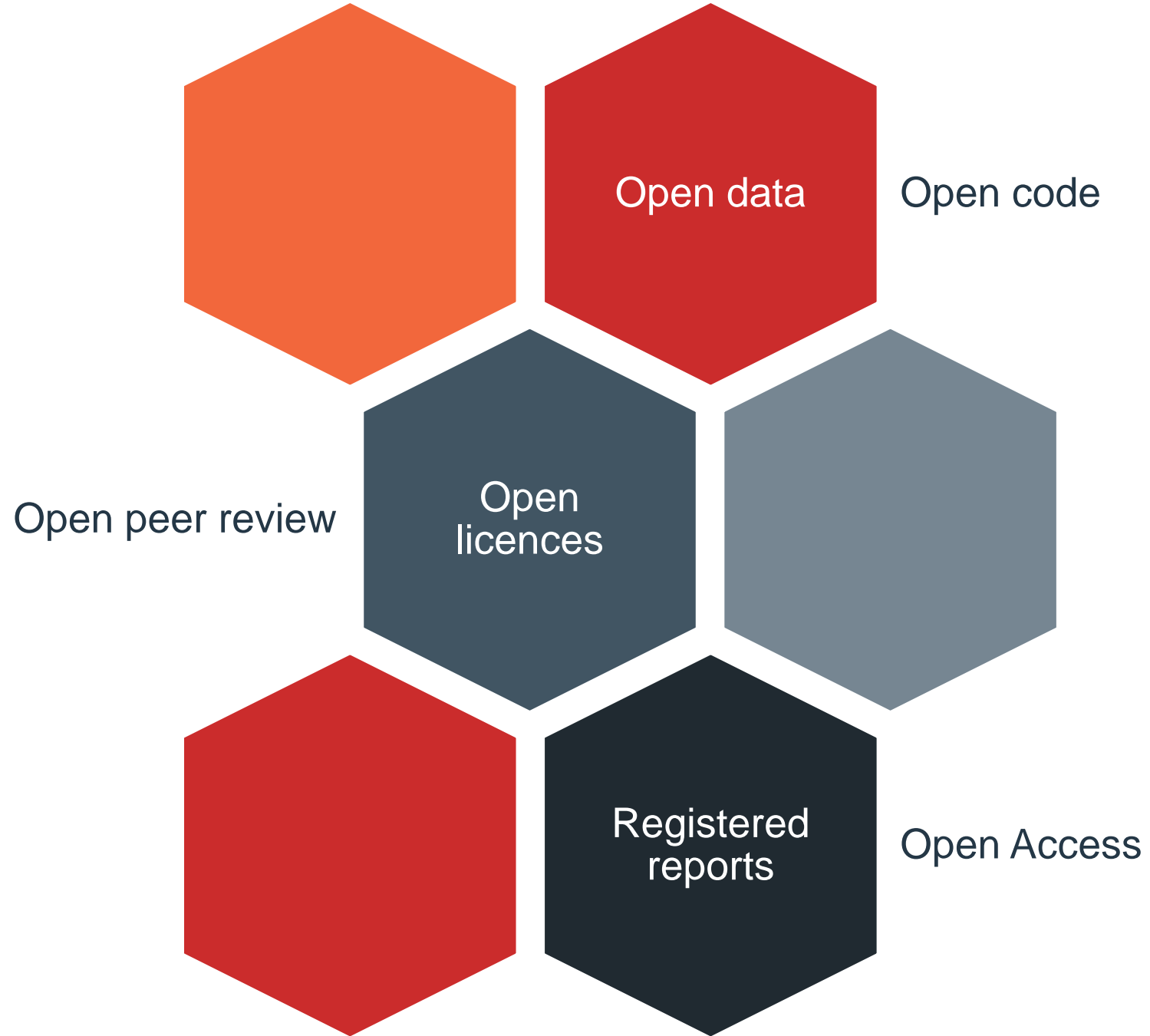


Anyone can read your published research



Open Access to Open Research?





The F1000 publishing model



Open data

Open Data

1. The research data underpinning your published study, shared openly.
2. “Research data” may be the **input or the output** of your research process, depending on your study design. The format will depend on both your study design and your **research discipline**.



What is the problem?



**Rejection overruled,
retraction ensues when
annoyed reviewer does deep
dive into data**

**‘We apologize again for the
inadvertent mistakes during
the assembly of data due to
our carelessness’**

**University of New Mexico
investigation finds
manipulated data and
images, prompts retractions**

**Okinawa researcher
suspended for faking data
denies committing
misconduct**

Currently 6300 data-related
retractions on the Retraction
Watch database

“No raw data, no science: another possible source of the reproducibility crisis”



Molecular Brain

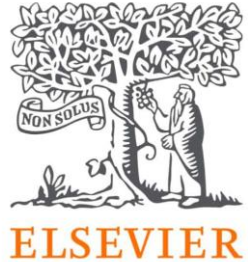
The Editor in Chief requested that 41 authors supplied data:

- 21 were withdrawn
- 19 provided insufficient data

= 97% could not supply raw data when asked.

Did the data exist?

Stakeholder data sharing policies are strengthening



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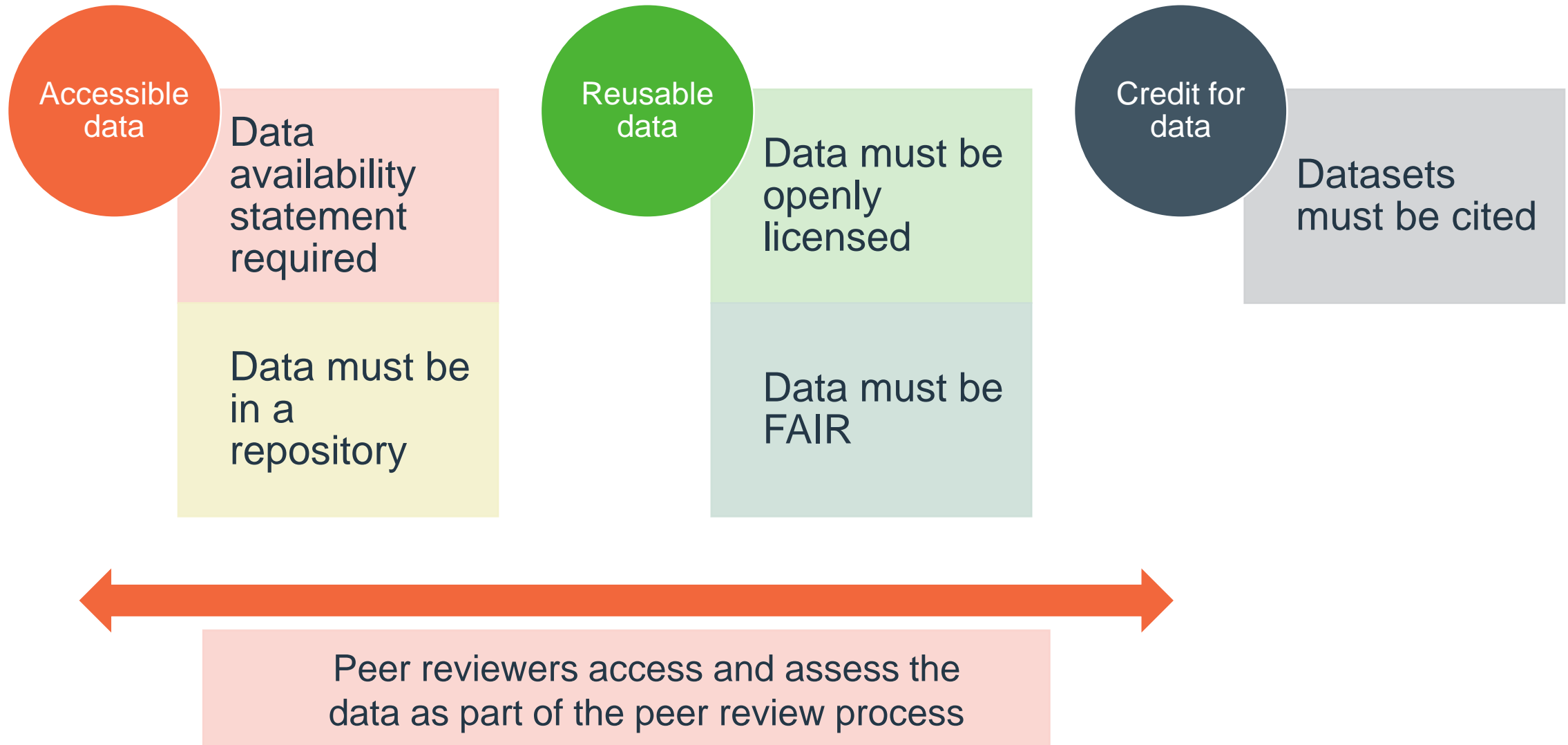
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F1000 Open Data Guidelines



Writing a data availability statement

- A required section of your manuscript
- It should describe all data underpinning your research and where it can be found.

Data availability

Underlying data

Figshare: Underlying data for 'Hematologic and coagulopathy parameter as a survival predictor among moderate to severe COVID-19 patients in non- ICU ward: a single-center study at the main referral hospital in Surabaya, East Java, Indonesia'.

<https://doi.org/10.6084/m9.figshare.14673060>.

The project contains the following underlying data:

- Hema_Coagul_parameter_COVID.xlsx (main data).
- readme.docx (index).

Data are available under the terms of the [Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 International license](#) (CC-BY 4.0).

Accessible
data

Depositing data into a repository

- A location on the web for your data to be stored and accessed
- Allows you to provide contextual information so that data can be reused
- Provides a persistent identifier (e.g. a DOI) so that your data can be cited
- Everyone can access your data



The F1000 recommended repositories list

What type of data	Which repository
Any	Dryad
Any, but especially data in SAV and POR formats	Dataverse
Any	Figshare
Any, but especially deposits with mixed data and code	Zenodo
Any, but reserved for ISCPR member institutions	Open ICPSR
Social and economic data	UK Data Service



We find an association between articles that include [data availability] statements that link to data in a repository and up to 25% higher citation impact on average.

Colavizza G, Hrynaszkiewicz I, Staden I, Whitaker K, McGillivray B (2020) The citation advantage of linking publications to research data. PLoS ONE 15(4): e0230416. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0230416>

Reusable
data

Standards for high quality, reusable data: FAIR

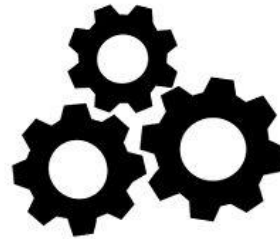
F_{indable}



A_{ccessible}



I_{nteroperable}



R_{eusable}



Show your data's “FAIR”-ness

- 1. Findable:** Include a persistent identifier in your data availability statement, linking to a data repository.
- 2. Accessible:** Use a recommended data repository that's accessible on the web.
- 3. Interoperable:** Use any applicable reporting standards, vocabularies or ontologies which are common in your discipline.
- 4. Reusable:** Include a standard licence for your data.



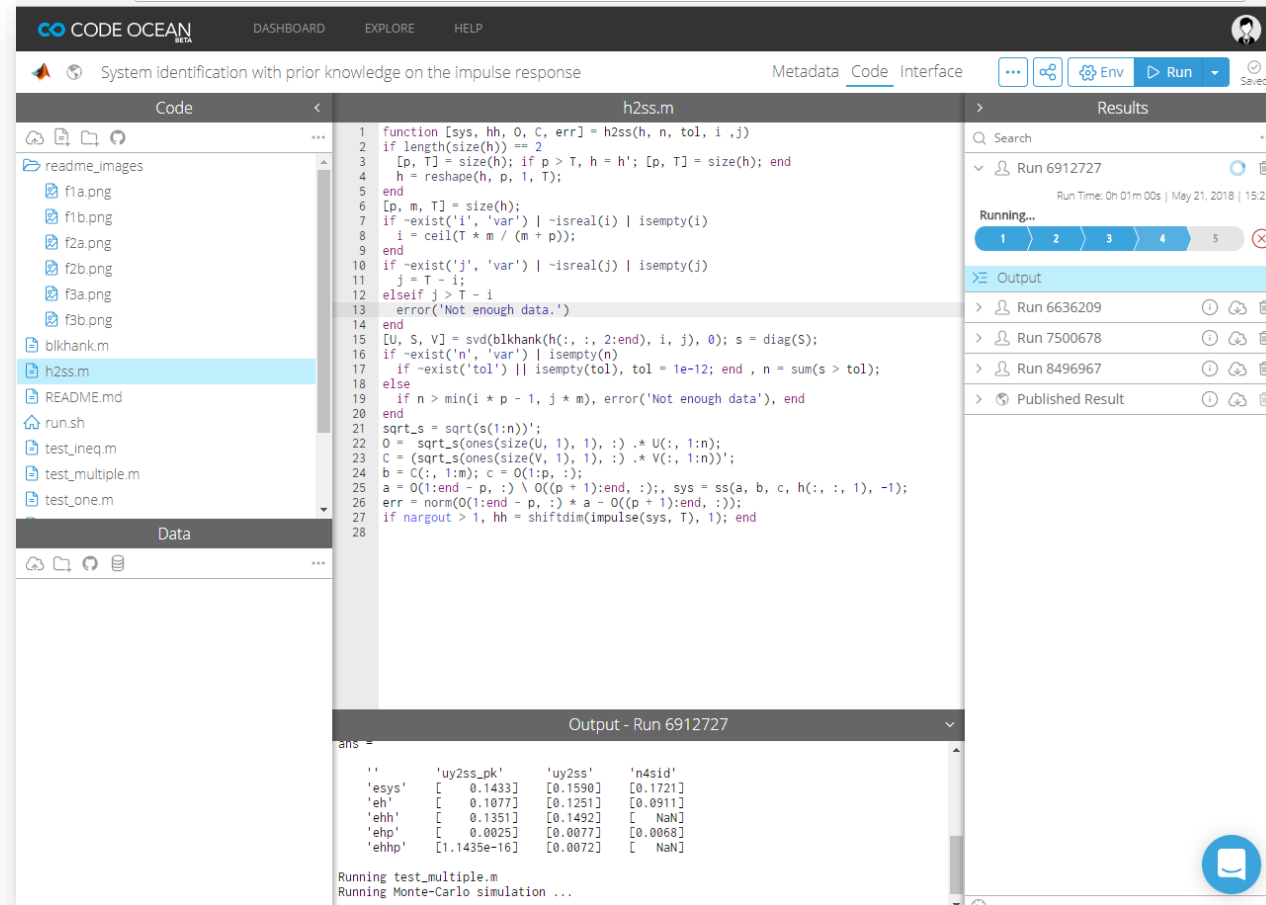


Open code
and
software

Open Code and Software

1. Similar to Open Data sharing policies and requirements
2. Can be a key factor in reproducing experiments
3. Allows others to build on existing code and software

Code Ocean for code sharing



- Code Ocean makes it quick and easy for others to re-run your analysis, and even edit your code to see how results differ by changing parameters.
- Available on F1000 Software tools article and selected T&F journals

Research integrity



- ✓ Open Access articles
- ✓ Open Data and Open Code



Anyone can access your datasets
and code and assess them



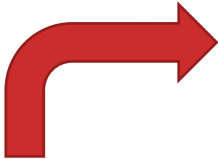

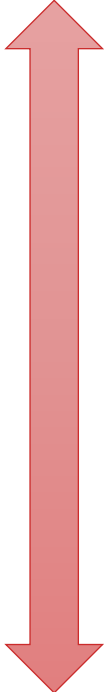








Open
licences

Open Licences

1. Licences tell others what can be done with your published data or code.
2. Creative Commons provides a set of standard licences which can be used by any researcher.

Creative Commons licences

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Open Licensing in data repositories



Early sample tagging and pooling enables simultaneous SARS-CoV-2 detection and variant sequencing at a lower cost than traditional qPCR

Publication date:

July 5, 2021

DOI:

DOI [10.5281/zenodo.5069979](https://doi.org/10.5281/zenodo.5069979)

Keyword(s):

[apharseq](#) [rna](#) [virus](#) [diagnostics](#) [genotype](#)
[variants](#) [sars](#) [corona](#) [covid](#) [covid19](#) [sars-cov-2](#)

Related identifiers:

Supplement to
[10.1126/scitranslmed.abj2266](https://doi.org/10.1126/scitranslmed.abj2266) (Journal article)
[10.1101/2020.08.08.20170746](https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.08.08.20170746) (Preprint)

Communities:

[Coronavirus Disease Research Community - COVID-19](#)

License (for files):

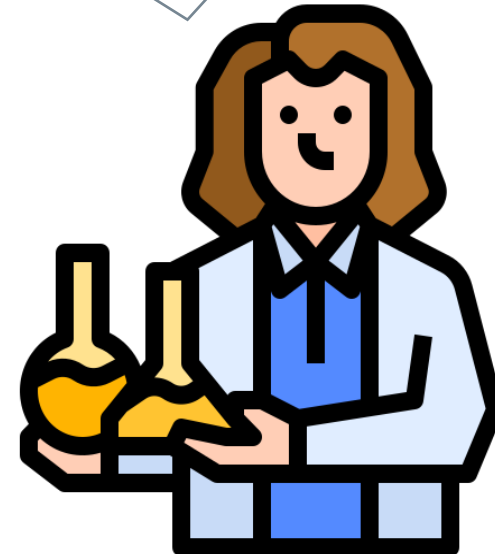
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Supporting Replicability

I tested the same hypothesis and got the same results as you did



I reused your methods, code and data and got the same results as you did



Research integrity



- ✓ Open Access articles
- ✓ Open Data and Open Code
- ✓ Open licensing



Anyone can reuse your data and code to reproduce or build on your work



Registered reports

1. An article type where the hypothesis and study design are submitted to a journal and peer reviewed before the study is conducted.
2. The paper is published regardless of “negative” or null results.

Key issues in research integrity

**“PUBLISH OR
PERISH”**

**PUBLICATION BIAS
TOWARDS POSITIVE
RESULTS**

**P-HACKING AND
SELECTIVE REPORTING**

Registered Reports

Registered Reports break up the research process to increase transparency and reduce waste.



REVISED Stage 1 Registered Report: Effect of deficient phagocytosis on neuronal survival and neurological outcome after temporary middle cerebral artery occlusion (tMCAo) [version 3; peer review: 2 approved]

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Methods

Animals, housing and husbandry

All animal experiments will be performed in accordance with local regulations, and have been approved by the Berlin governmental authorities (Landesamt für Gesundheit und Soziales, LaGeSo), approval number G057/16.

Male C57BL/6NCrl mice will be derived from Charles River at the age of 8 weeks. Phagocytosis-deficient *Mertk* (Jax: B6;129-*Mertk*^{tm1Gr1}/J) and *Mfge8* (from C. Théry, INSERM 932, France)¹⁸ knockout mice will be derived from The Jackson Laboratory and Hertie Institute for Clinical Brain Research, respectively, and bred locally. Male homozygous *Mertk* and *Mfge8* knockout mice and their homozygous wildtype littermates will be used in experiments at the age of 10 – 12 weeks. Animals will be group-housed with *ad libitum* access to food and water and cages will be equipped with environmental enrichment tools (red transparent plastic nest box and brown paper towels). Animals will be kept in specific pathogen free (SPF) conditions under a 12 h light/dark cycle (lights on: 8am; lights off: 8pm). Room temperature will be maintained at 22 ± 1°C.

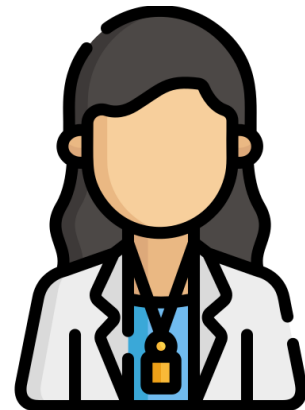
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- ✓ Open Access articles
- ✓ Open Data and Open Code
 - ✓ Open Licensing
- ✓ Support publication of null results



Researchers are not incentivised to manipulate data to show positive results



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How can publishers
support research
integrity?



Support a range of accessible
outputs

Allow peer review of all outputs

Encourage open licensing and
reuse

Address publication bias

The F1000 publishing model



What does this mean for researchers?

New perspectives?

- Open sharing – visibility of data, code
- Open licensing – expectation of reuse
- Registered reports and data peer review

New practices?

- Depositing data into repositories before publication
- Writing data availability statements

New ways of receiving credit?

- Data citations
- Code and software citations

Any questions?



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