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

(UKRI)

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)

- 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
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?

Publish in a journal

Hypothesis

Conclusions

Experiment

Results

Data
The F1000 publishing model

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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?

Retraction Watch

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

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

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
F1000 Open Data Guidelines

Accessible data

Data availability statement required

Data must be in a repository

Reusable data

Data must be openly licensed

Data must be FAIR

Credit for data

Datasets must be cited

Peer reviewers access and assess the data as part of the peer review process
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.
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

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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.

Standards for high quality, reusable data: FAIR

Findable Accessible Interoperable Reusable
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

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

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.
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- **Preferred by publishers**
- **More permissive**
- **More restrictive**
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.
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.
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.
The registered reports model eliminates a variety of questionable research practices, including low statistical power, selective reporting of results, and publication bias, while allowing complete flexibility to report serendipitous findings.

Key issues in research integrity

“Publish or perish”

Publication bias towards positive results

P-hacking and selective reporting
Registered Reports break up the research process to increase transparency and reduce waste.
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<sup>++/−</sup>/J) and Mfge8 (from C. Théry, INSERM 932, France) 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.
Research integrity

✓ 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
What underpins research integrity?

- Trust
- Transparency
- Openness
- Rigour
- Honesty

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
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What does this mean for researchers?

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