

Some hypotheses are “more vampirical than empirical—unable to be killed by mere evidence.”

- Jeremy Freese

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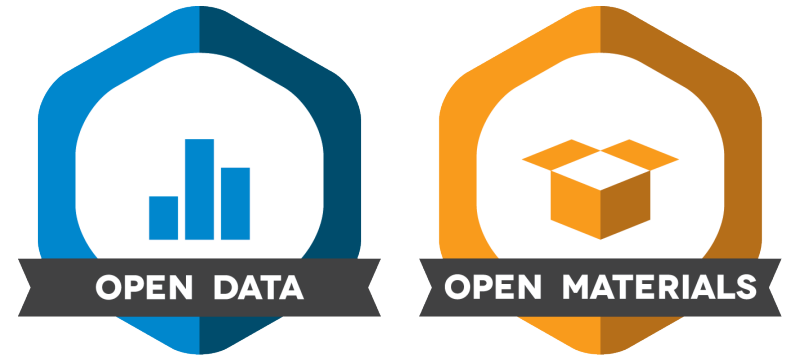
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What are the anchors for open and reproducible science....?



The Kindergartener's Guide to Improving Research



1. Show your work
2. Share

Kidwell et al., 2016, *PLOS Biology*

Slide: Brian Nosek

“...we p-hack because we're human--with human motivations and biases. The answer is openness”

--Jeff Spies, COS

How do we increase the reliability of our science?



Transparency

Sharing

What are the anchors for open and reproducible science....?



Publication rate in preclinical research: a plea for preregistration


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Facilitating open science practices for research syntheses: PreregRS guides preregistration

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Perspective



Declaration of common standards for the preregistration of animal research—speeding up the scientific process

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META-RESEARCH ARTICLE

Ensuring the quality and specificity of preregistrations

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***Design your Research
Like its 2023!: Preregister
your study and
Analysis Plans***

Pre-registration for Publication

- **What is Pre-registration?**
- **When could one consider this approach?**

Pre-registration: A Plan not a Prison



How can pre-registration help?



What problems does preregistration fix?

☞ The file drawer problem

☞ *P*-hacking: Unreported flexibility in data analysis

☞ HARKing: Hypothesizing after results are known

What else does pre-registration do?

Provides a document that can be evaluated by reviewers for publication

The current culture does not promote efficient science or the open study of phenomena because *researchers infrequently publish and share the results with the scientific community when interventions fail.*

It is essential for the scientific community to be aware of both successes and failures of well-designed clinical interventions, *making null findings a vital part of the scientific landscape* and ultimately expediting research

Preregistration revolution:

https://osf.io/2dxu5/?_ga=2.266559822.1985242949.1561992051-331352688.1561992051

What else does pre-registration do?

Helps investigators calibrate confidence in findings

Helps to differentiate prediction from post-diction.

Preregistration revolution:

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Pre-registration FAQs:

- **If my pre-registered hypotheses are NOT supported will it keep me from publishing my results?**
- **Can I pre-register a study where data have been collected?**
- **What if my analytical strategy changes during the study?**

Your study doesn't go the way it was supposed to....

- **Make pre-reg amendment. Even if you have seen the data, still provides documentation of your original pathway**
- **NOTE: buffer against this with:**
 - 1) early (blind) analyses to set-up your final experiment**
 - 2) tiered or incremental pre-registration**
 - 3) pre-register a decision tree (i.e., series of if, then.. statements)**

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How do Registered Reports work?



Stage 1 Peer Review

- Are the hypotheses well founded?
- Are the methods and proposed analyses feasible and sufficiently detailed?
- Is the study well powered? ($\geq 90\%$)
- Have the authors included sufficient positive controls to confirm that the study will provide a fair test?

If **YES**, then the study is granted “in principle acceptance” (IPA), a promise to publish regardless of outcome.

Stage 2 Peer Review

- Did the authors follow the approved protocol?
- Did positive controls succeed?
- Are the conclusions justified by the data?

BRAIN COMMUNICATIONS

REVIEW ARTICLE

Establishing ground truth in the traumatic brain injury literature: if replication is the answer, then what are the questions?

The problem with *Science by Volume...*

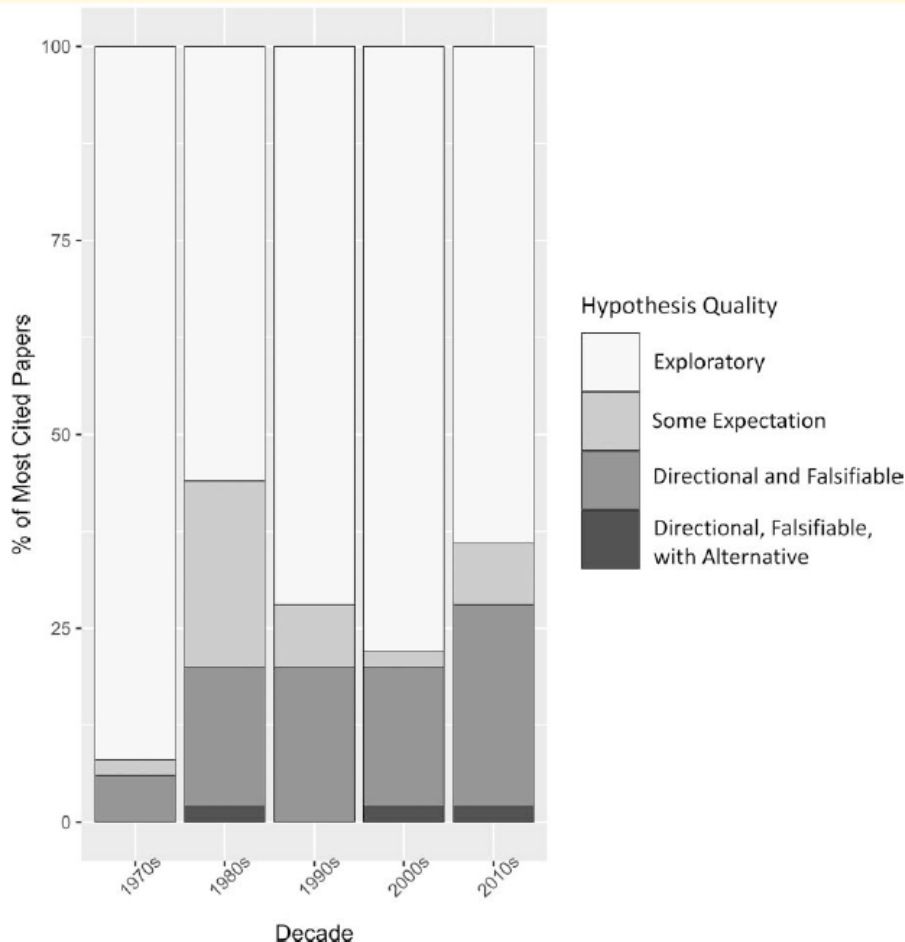


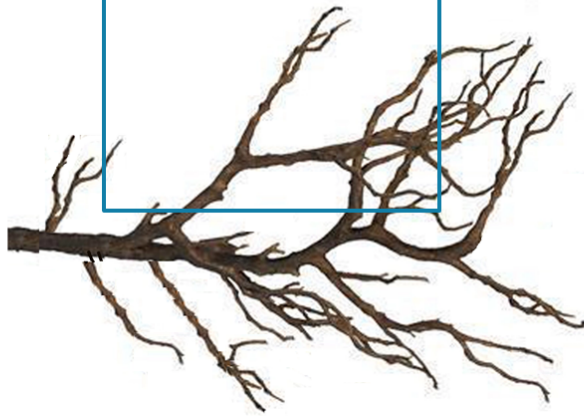
Figure 4 Trends in the strength of TBI hypotheses by decade. The y-axis is the percentage of the top 50 papers in each decade and the x-axis is the decade in which they were published based upon the WoS data set. The data are graphed by binning the top 50 most cited empirical TBI papers per decade from 1970 to 2019, for a total of $n = 250$ records. NOTE: papers that included more than one hypothesis were categorized based upon their *strongest* hypothesis so that they were not overrepresented in the graph.

Data collected from Web of Science using the following search terms: [neuro* OR brain OR cognition OR cerebr*] revealed 1,711,888 papers dating back to 1900 and then sorted by year. y-axis is % of total number of papers and x-axis is the year published. (See Priestley et al., 2022).

Pre-registered hypotheses that falsify...

Exploratory Stage

Idea generation
Theory Building
Inclusive to possible explanations



Proliferation of theories/explanations

Confirmatory Stage

Falsification

Theory testing and refinement
Identify mechanisms
Prune theories explanations

Replication

Test parameters of fittest hypotheses
Test generalizability of mechanisms
Examine robustness and reproducibility



Pruning possible theories

Applied Stage

Application of most highly supported theories

Goal:
Generalize theory

Test across species/samples

Return to Confirmatory Stage as needed



Selection from fittest



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don’t read BioArxiv”*

-Jeff Leek; @jtleek

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Pre-registration: where to start









Pre-registration Creation

- Can also be referred to as a registered report
 - See this [website](#) for more details on journal requirements
- See [OSF](#) and its templates. Pre-reg can be submitted at any time
- Best practices for pre-reg creation
 - Can use templates on OSF
 - However, [Quarto](#) can be used to create reproducible papers
 - Essentially an expansion of R Markdown
 - Quarto reproducible document [example](#)
 - Also see slides from this bootcamp's [R Markdown and Quarto Workshop](#)
 - See my pre-reg template for Quarto [here](#)

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Indices

Reliability will be measured using the intraclass correlation coefficient (ICC). ICCs are the proportion of total measured variance (e.g., variability between people, sessions, etc.) that can be attributed to variability between people (Noble, Scheinost, and Constable 2019). Within-session reliability will be defined as the mean ICC value between the back-to-back resting-state runs within the same scanning session, within the same individual. Between-session reliability will be defined as the mean ICC between the back-to-back resting-state runs over the two-year time period, within the same individual. We will utilize the ICC (3,1) by Shrout and Fleiss (1979). The between-subjects mean square is represented by BMS , EMS represents error mean square, and k is the number of raters or scanning sessions. See formula below:

$$ICC(3,1) = \frac{BMS - EMS}{BMS + (k-1)EMS}$$

Correlation matrices, which include Pearson correlation coefficients describing the relationship between each resting-state brain region, will be Fisher r -to- z transformed for each subject.

Graph theory metrics are described below:

- Degree: The number of brain regions that the current region is connected to. These connections are also known as edges.
- Clustering Coefficient: The proportion of connected brain regions across all neighboring regions. This is the fraction of a region's neighbors that are neighbors of each other. The clustering coefficient is synonymous with the term local efficiency.

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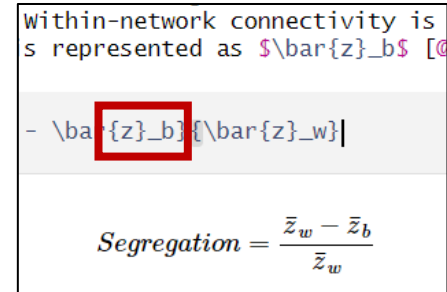
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More Quarto Resources

- See [introduction video](#) about what Quarto is
- See [video](#) on how to use Zotero
- Quarto [syntax](#) options (italics, bold, etc.)
- Can see [Latex syntax](#) as well (subscript options, Quarto uses ‘~’ in documentation, which doesn’t work in mathematical formulas. Use ‘_’)
- See [Quarto options](#) for rendering word, html, pdfs, etc.

Quarto subscript documentation is not accurate; you may need to explore Latex documentation for proper formatting!



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