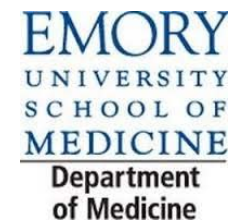


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## Gary Miller, PhD

- Professor, Rollins School of Public Health
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- Postdoctoral training in Molecular Neuroscience
- Director of the Emory HERCULES center, an NIEHS-funded center focused on the exposome, the environmental analogue to the genome.
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- A Georgia Research Alliance Distinguished Investigator and received the Achievement Award from the Society of Toxicology.
- Serves as Editor-in-Chief of Toxicological Sciences, the official journal of the Society of Toxicology.



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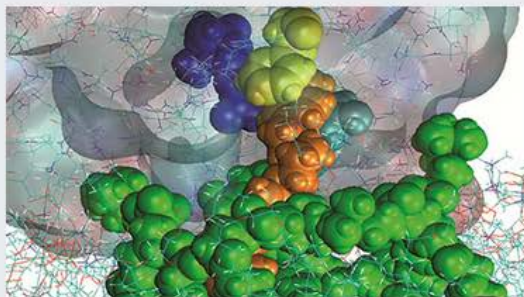
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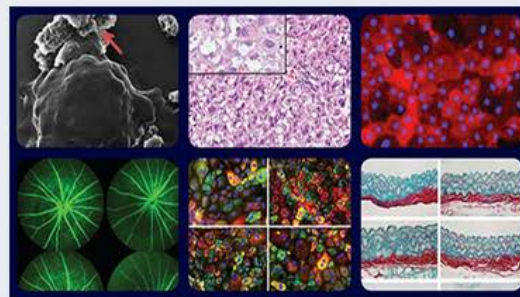


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# Policy: NIH plans to enhance reproducibility

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A growing chorus of concern, from scientists and laypeople, contends that the complex system for ensuring shorter term, however, the checks and balances that once ensured scientific fidelity have been hobbled. This has compromised

outnumbered by the hundreds of thousands published each year in good faith.

Instead, a complex array of other factors seems to have contributed to the lack of reproducibility. Factors include poor training of researchers in experimental design; increased emphasis on making provocative statements rather than presenting technical details; and publications that do not report basic elements of experimental design<sup>1</sup>. Crucial experimental design elements that are all too frequently ignored include blinding, randomization, replication, sample-size calculation and the effect of sex differences. And some scientists reputedly use a 'secret sauce' to make their experiments work — and withhold details from publication or describe them only vaguely to retain a competitive edge<sup>2</sup>. What hope is there that other scientists will be able to build on such work to further biomedical progress?

Exacerbating this situation are the policies and attitudes of funding agencies, academic centres and scientific publishers. Funding agencies often uncritically encourage the overvaluation of research published in high-profile journals. Some academic centres also provide incentives for publications in such journals, including promotion and tenure, and in extreme circumstances, cash rewards<sup>3</sup>.

Then there is the problem of what is not published. There are few venues for researchers to publish negative data or papers that point out scientific flaws in previously published work. Further compounding the problem is the difficulty of accessing unpublished data — and the failure of funding agencies to establish or enforce policies that insist on data access.

### PRECLINICAL PROBLEMS

Reproducibility is potentially a problem in all scientific disciplines. However, human clinical trials seem to be less at risk because they are already governed by various regulations that stipulate rigorous design and independent oversight — including randomization, blinding, power estimates, pre-registration of outcome measures in standardized, public databases such as ClinicalTrials.gov and oversight by institutional review boards and data safety monitoring boards. Furthermore, the clinical trials community has taken important steps towards adopting standard reporting elements<sup>4</sup>.

# Revised standards for statistical evidence

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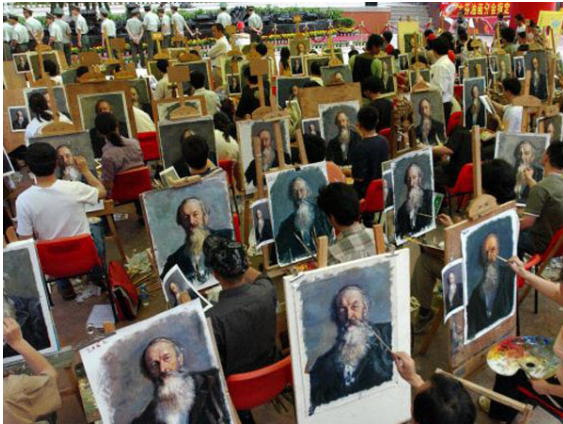
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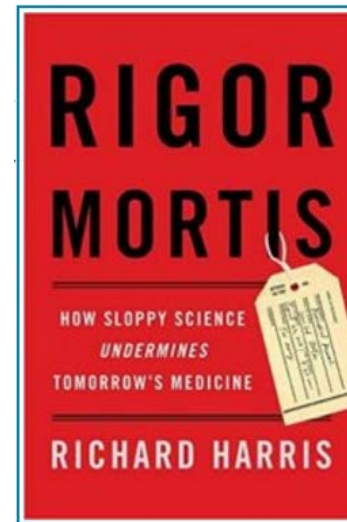


Dr. Michael Lauer is NIH's Deputy Director for Extramural Research, serving as the principal scientific leader and advisor to the NIH Director on the NIH extramural research program.

Posted on March 28, 2017 by Mike Lauer

### Following Up On Interim Research Products

The role of preprints — complete and public draft manuscripts which have not gone through the formal peer review, editing, or journal publishing process — continues to be a hot topic in the biological and medical sciences. In January, three major biomedical research funders — HHMI, the [MRC](#), and the [Wellcome Trust](#), changed their policies to allow preprints to be cited in their progress reports and applications.



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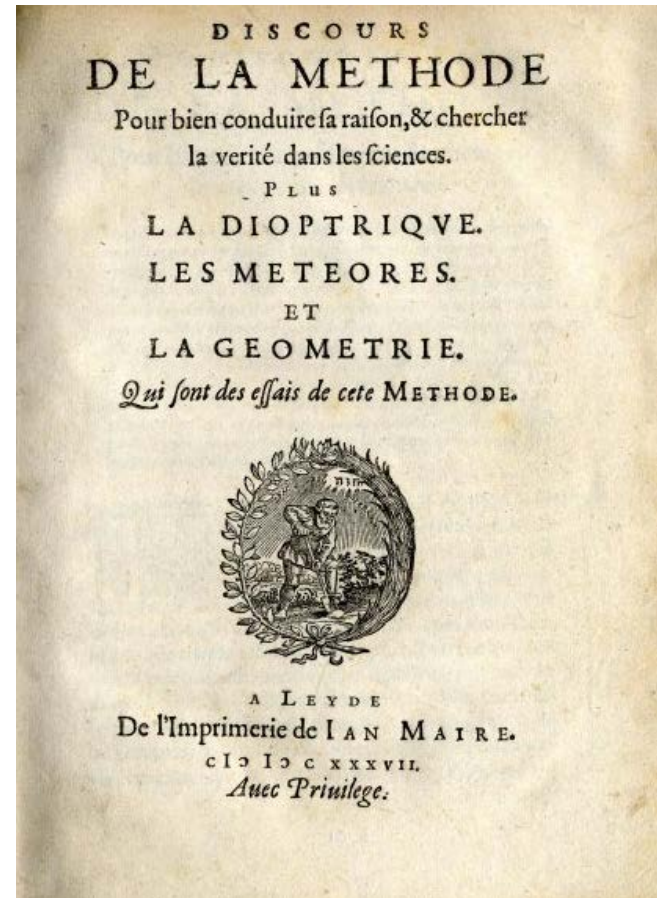
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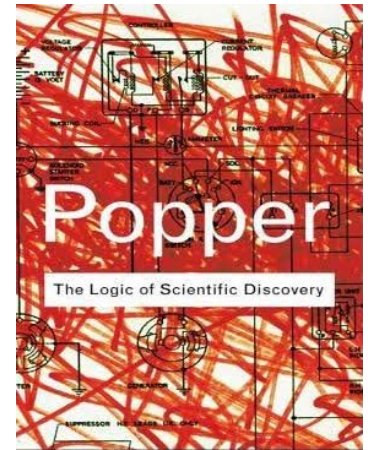
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Rene Descartes, 1637



# Rigor, Reproducibility, and Method

- Popper (Logic of Scientific Discovery, 1934)
- Kuhn (Structure, 1962)
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- How we define and use the scientific method has been the topic of debate for centuries. It is a never-ending struggle to seek the truth.

# Improving Reproducibility in Toxicology FREE

Gary W. Miller ✉

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Over the past few months there has been considerable discussion in scientific circles regarding reproducibility of data, or more specifically, the lack thereof (Nature, 2012, 2013). This is a very serious issue for science, including the discipline of toxicology. The director and deputy director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in the United States, Dr Francis Collins and Dr

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EDITORIAL

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## The elephant in the room: reproducibility in toxicology

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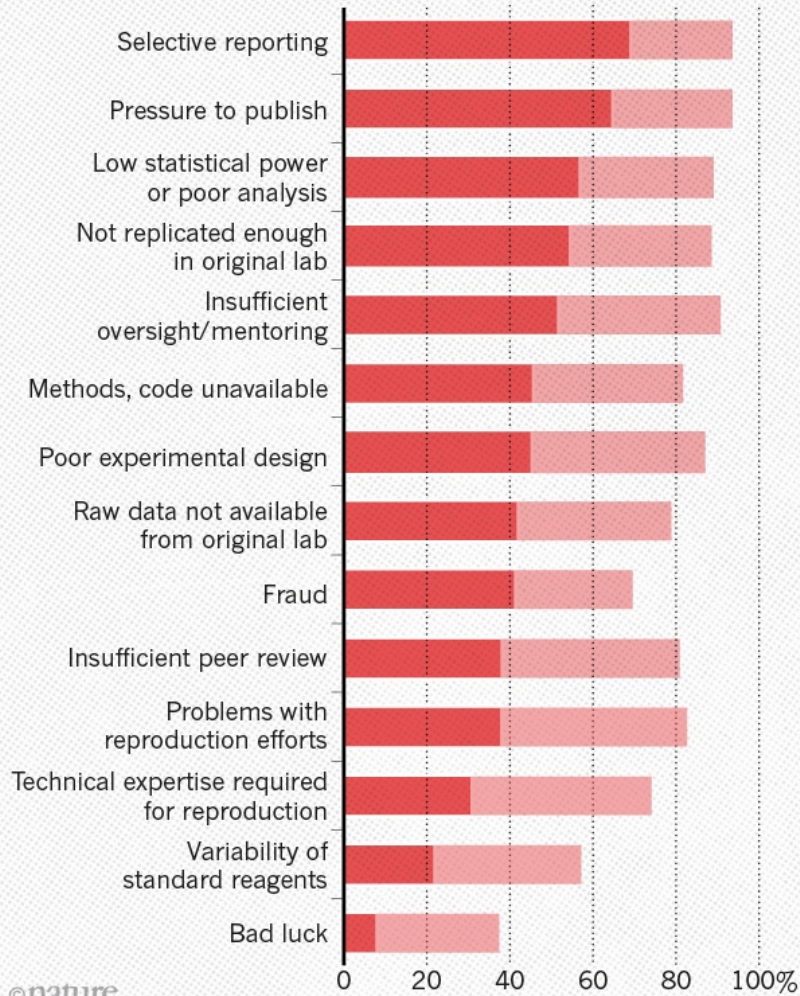
**The issue of reproducibility of results in toxicology has long been a concern and, perhaps, at the back of many of our minds but not necessarily at the forefront of our thinking – ‘the elephant in the room’. Are the results we have published literally *our* results or are they reproducible and truly part of a credible theory?** In the excellent editorial by Gary Miller [1], Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Toxicological Sciences*, he discusses the issue of reproducibility in scientific manu-

driven by the researcher, are heavily influenced by funding bodies, public opinion and political motivations. All will play a role in the distribution of a limited pool of research funds, and rightly expect progress in return for financial support. Yet a lack of reproducibility can destabilise research and undermine the confidence of stakeholders. An additional area of concern relating to reproducibility is when findings are translated into the ‘real world’ where acceptance and use of premature conclusions resulting

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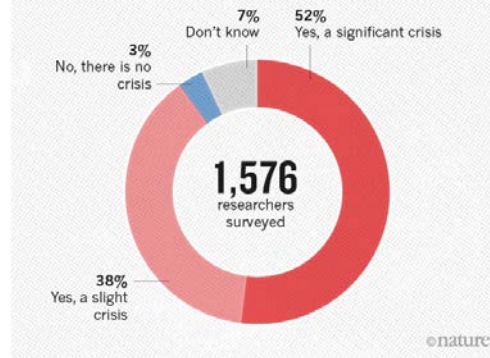
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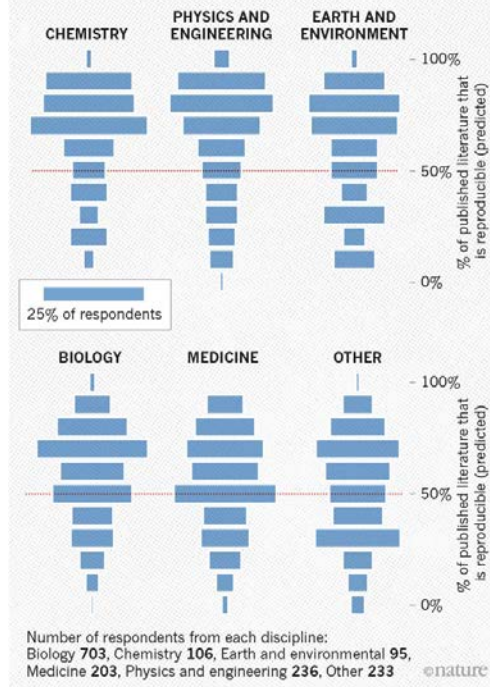
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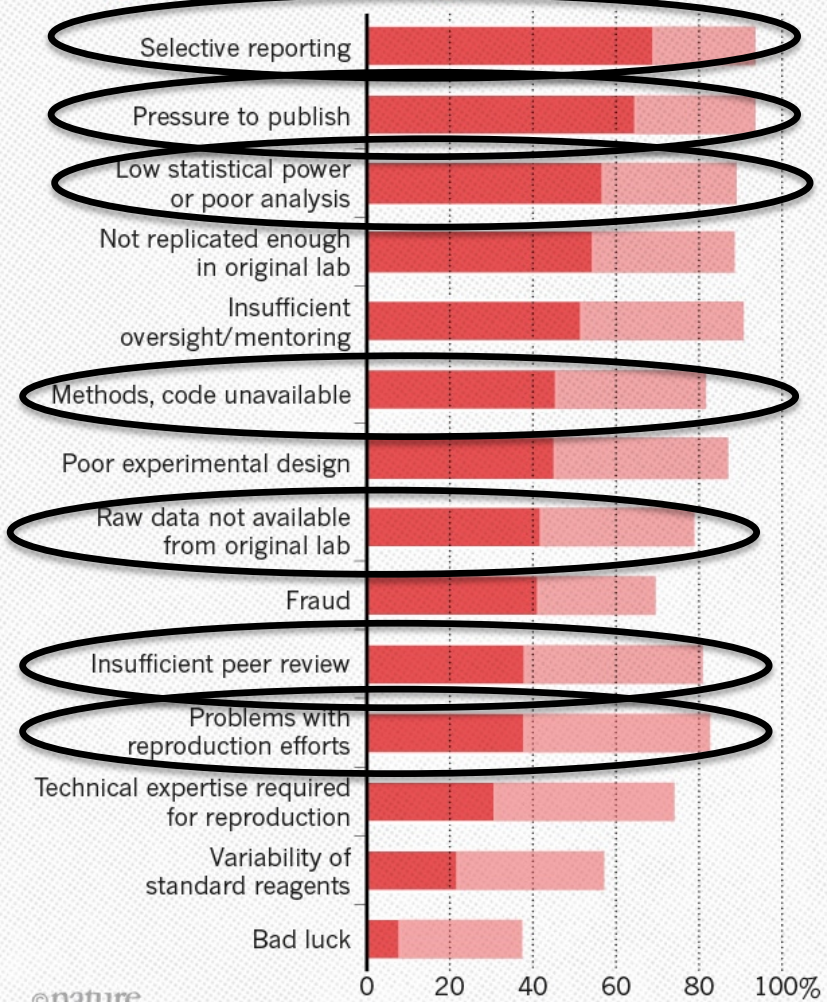
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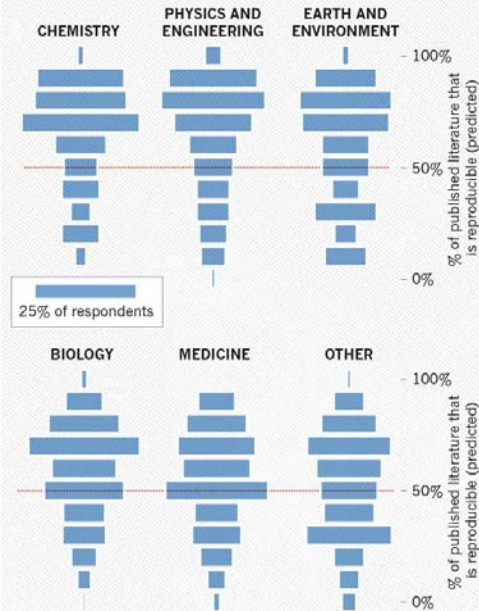
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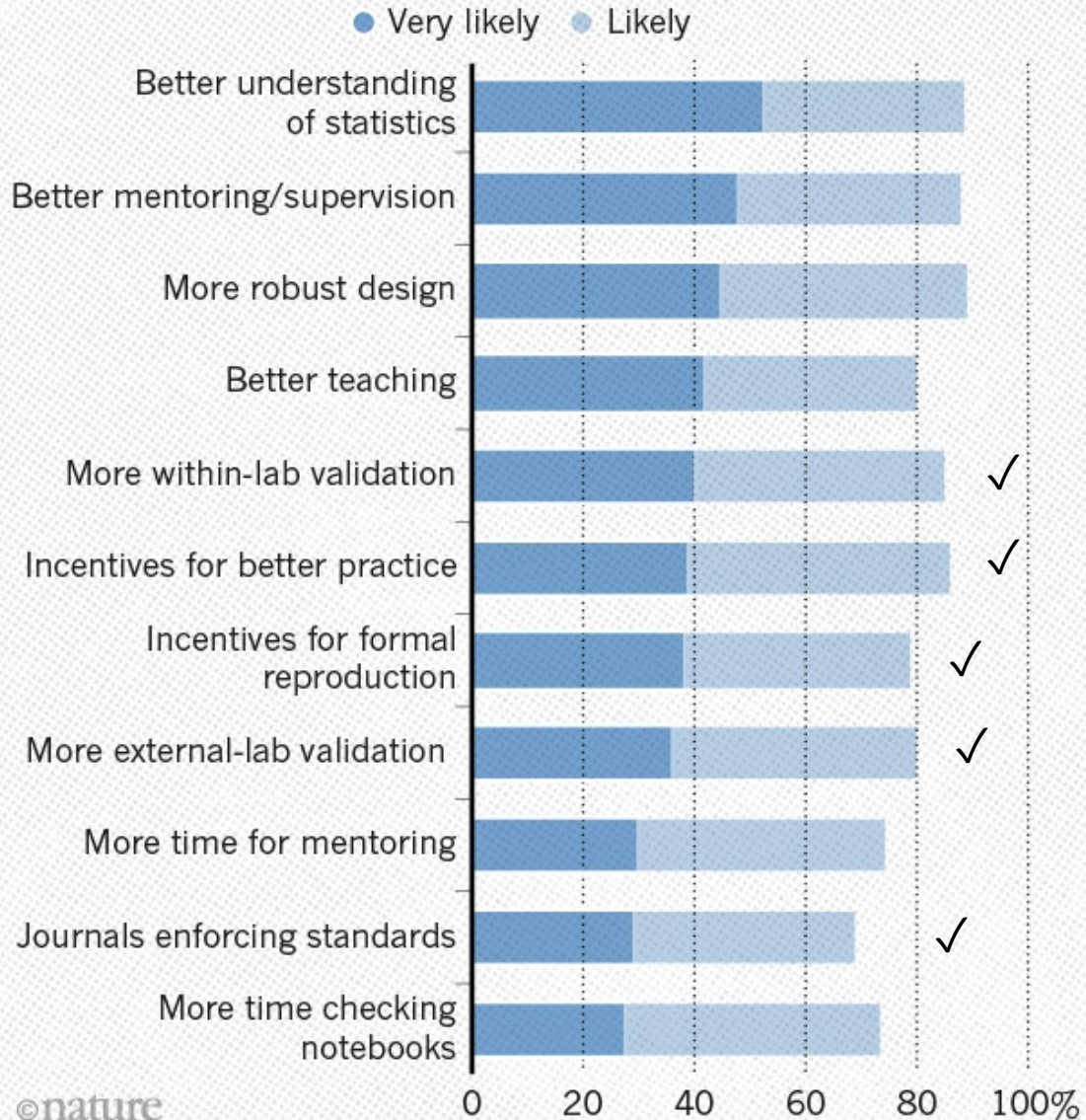
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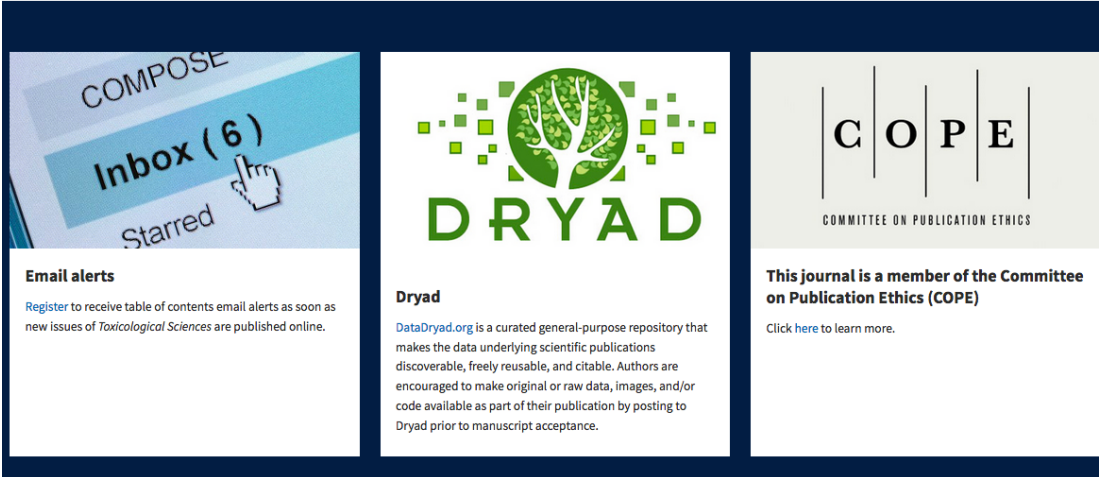
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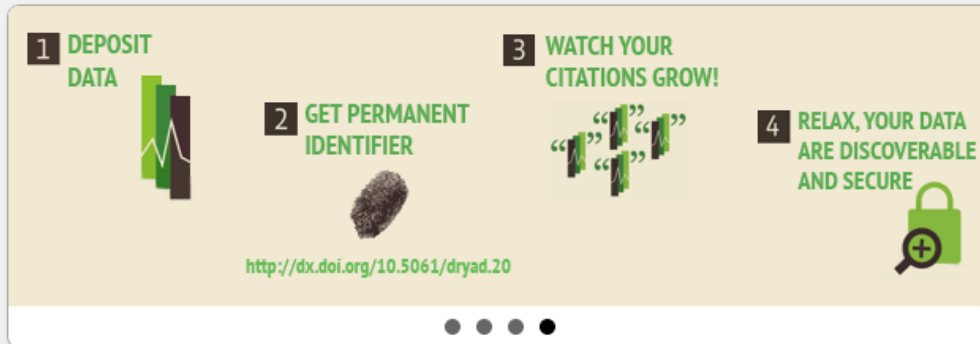
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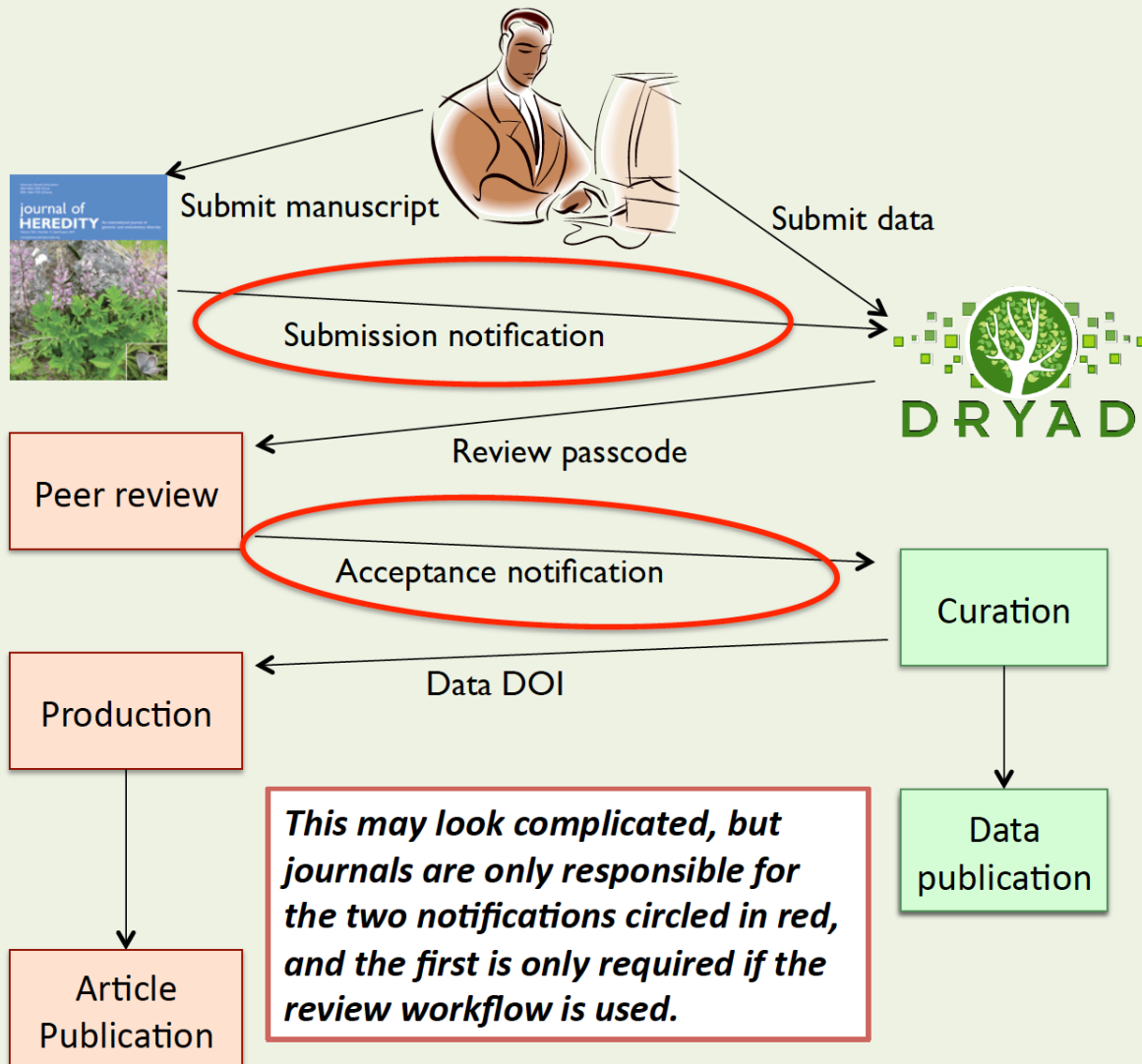
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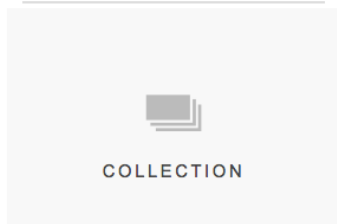


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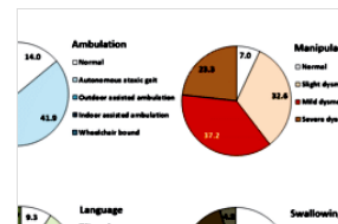
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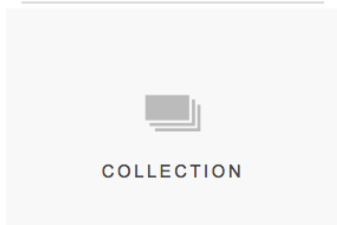
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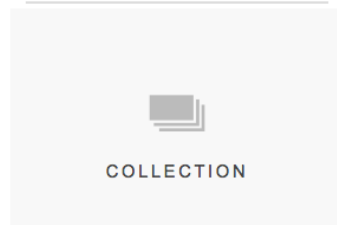
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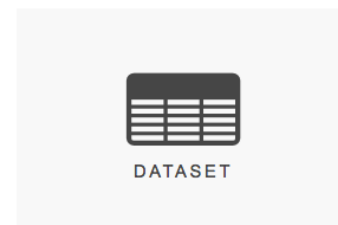
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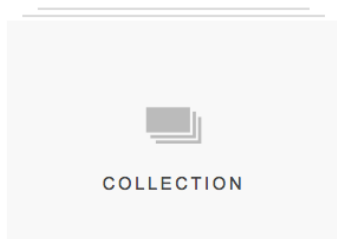
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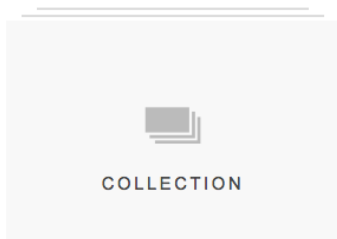
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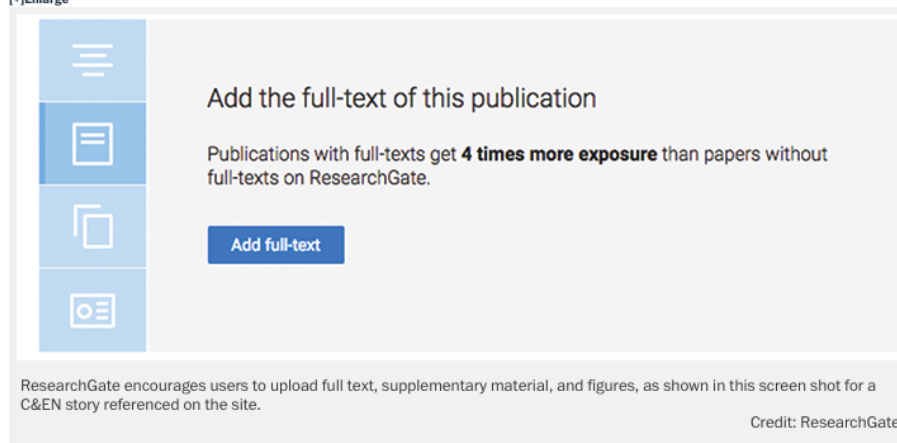
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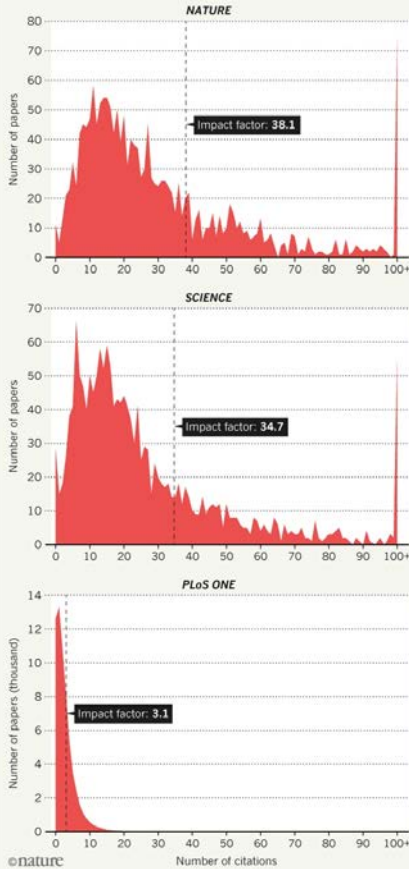
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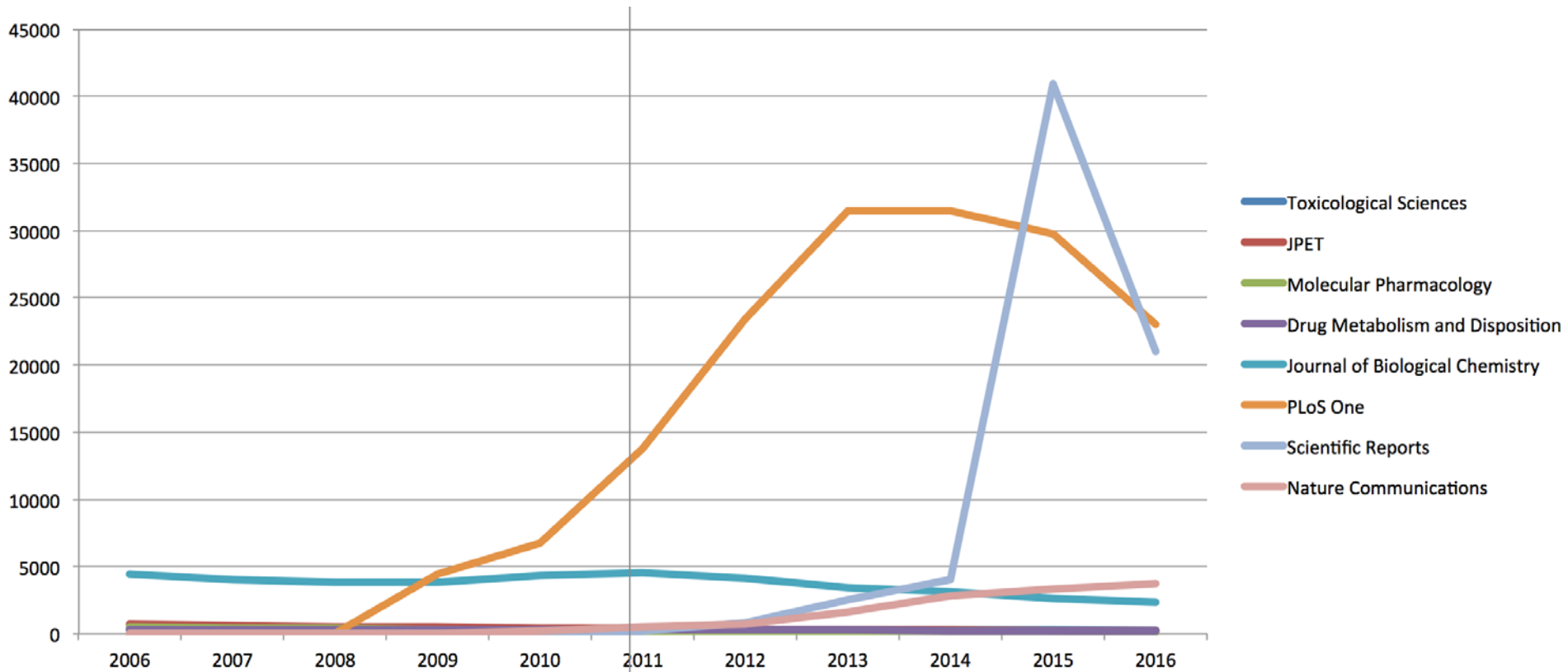
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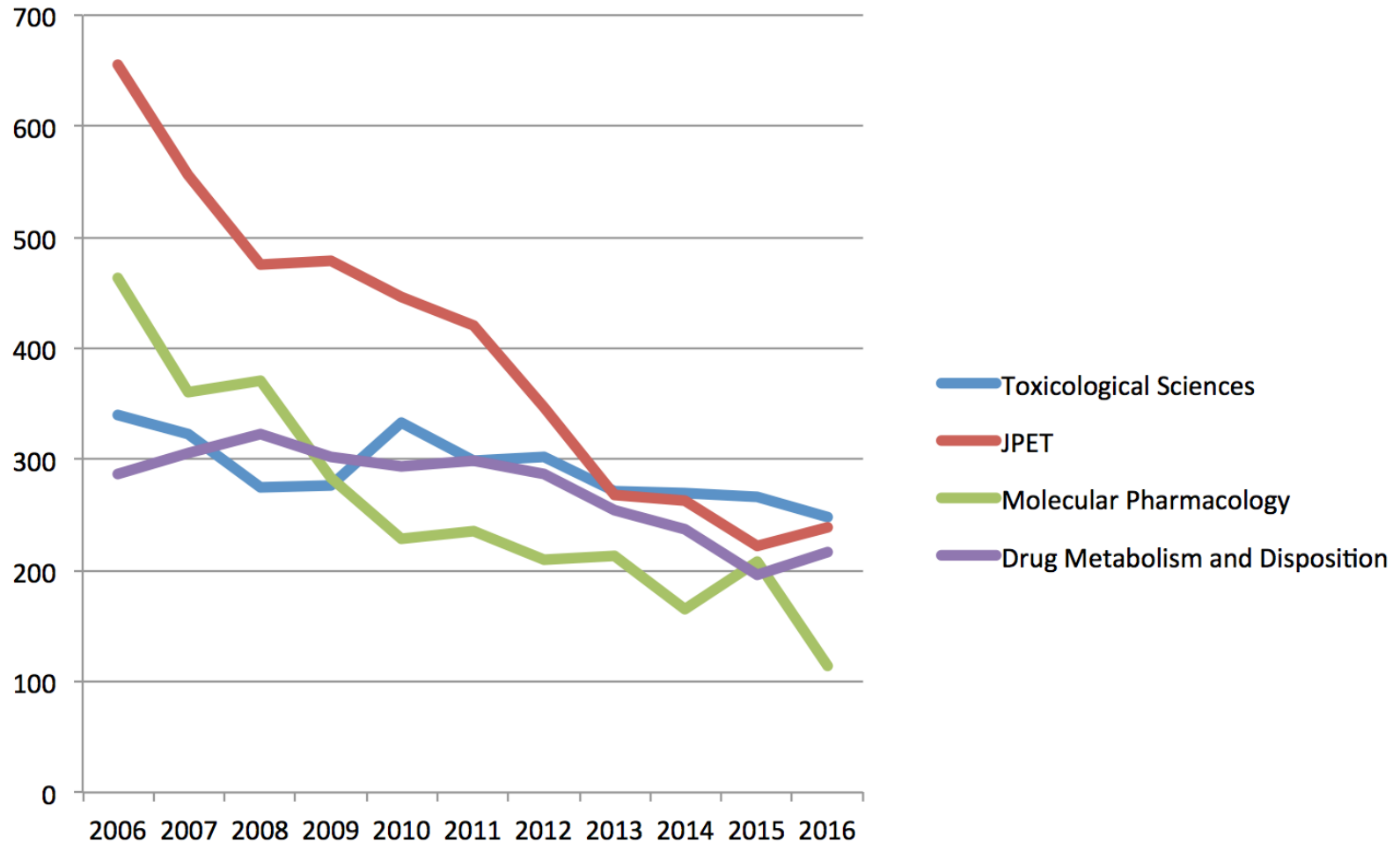
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Researchers should feel free to include preprints, or draft manuscripts that haven't yet been gone through peer review, as part of their applications when they seek funding from the Bethesda, Maryland–based National Institutes of Health (NIH), the agency **announced today**.



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## A rotating black hole in the Galactic Center

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### Abstract

Recent observations of Sgr A\* give strong constraints for possible models of the physical nature of Sgr A\* and suggest the presence of a massive black hole with  $M \leq 2 \cdot 10^6 M_{\odot}$  surrounded by an accretion disk which we estimate to radiate at a luminosity of  $< 7 \cdot 10^5 L_{\odot}$ . We therefore calculate

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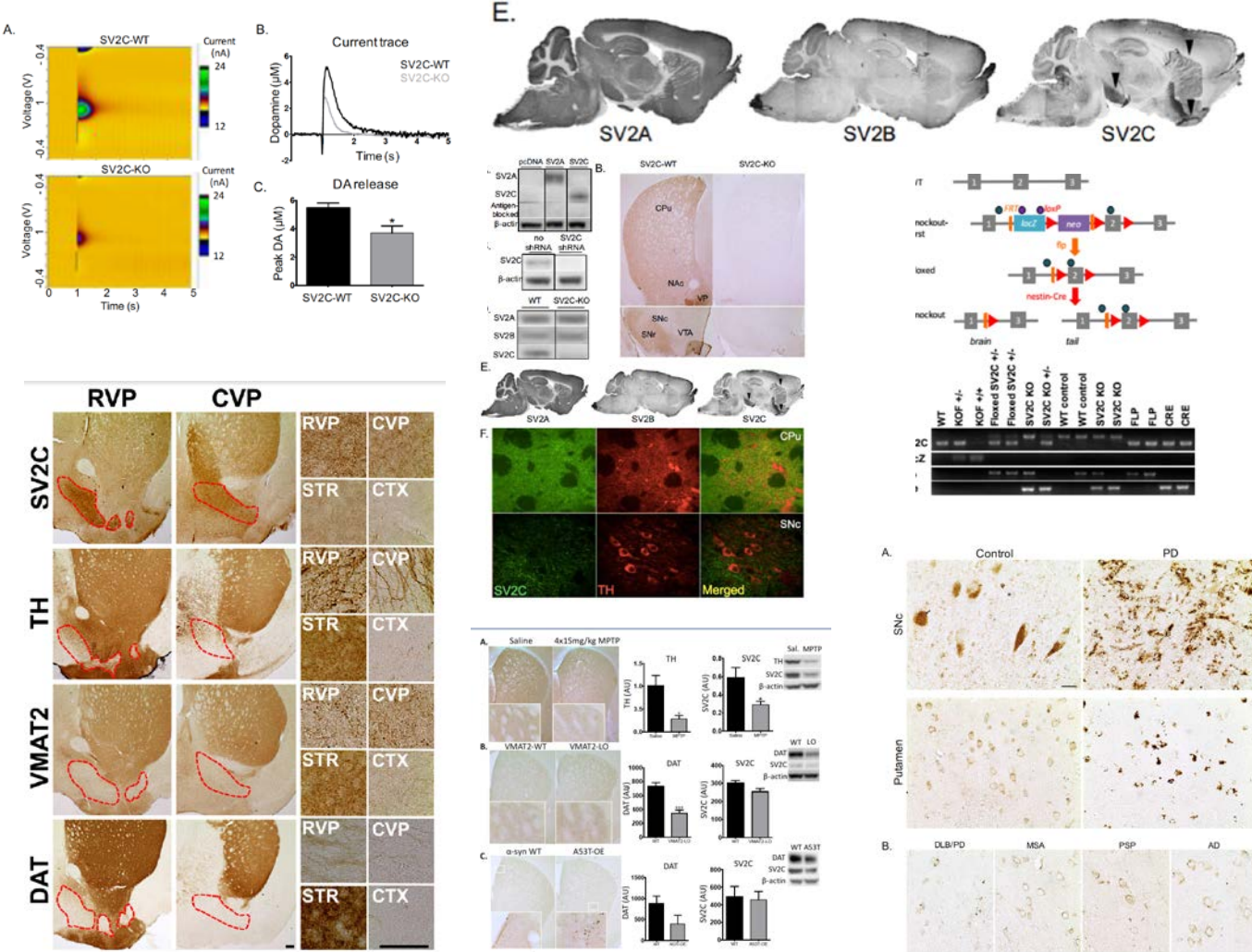
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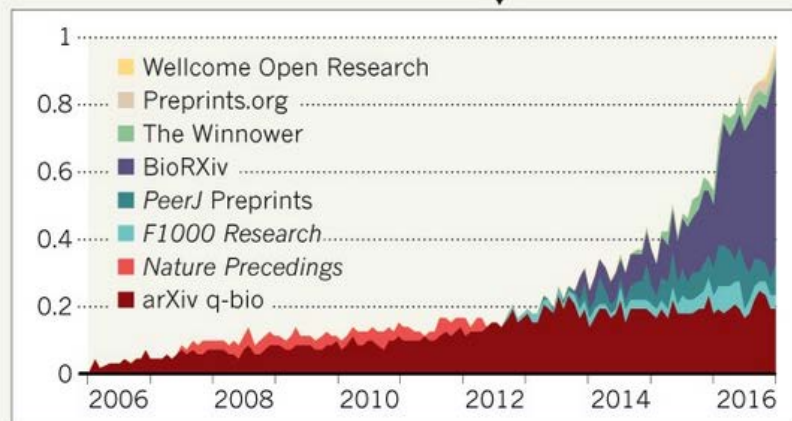
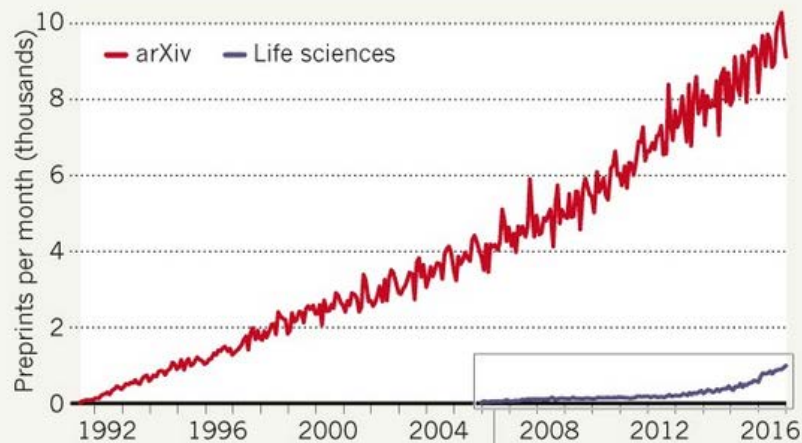
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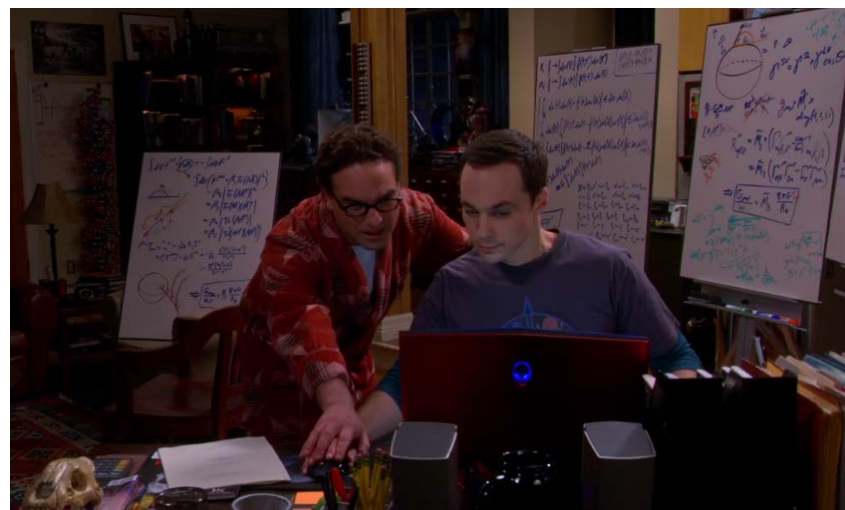
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- Leonard: You worked out all the math.
- Sheldon: Oh, I did more than work out all the math. I wrote a paper.
- Leonard: You wrote a paper on my idea?
- Sheldon: I wrote a paper on our idea.
- Leonard: When did my idea become our idea?
- Sheldon: When I mixed it with Sheldon's goodness and cooked it in the Easy-Bake oven of my mind.
- Leonard: This is good. Our idea is really good.
- Sheldon: Well, the lightbulb in this oven is ridiculously bright.
- Leonard: You know, if no one's thought of this, yet, this could be a big deal.
- Sheldon: Only way we'll know for sure **is if we post it online to the pre-print server**. I have it ready to go, but I wasn't gonna do it without you.
- Leonard: Wow, it's all happening so fast. Should we just sleep on it?
- Sheldon: We could, but we always run the risk of someone else beating us to the punch.
- Leonard: You're sure it's good?
- Sheldon: My name is right on there with yours. That is a surefire mark of quality. That might as well say directed by Joss Whedon.
- Leonard: Okay, partner, let's do it.
- Sheldon: Come on. Click the mouse with me.
- Leonard: One, two three.
- Together: Click.
- Leonard: Well, we did it.
- Sheldon: Yes, we did, my friend.



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