Make Data Count

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Make Data Count is a global, community-led initiative focused on the development of open research data assessment metrics. The principles of our social and technical infrastructure are rooted in transparency and accessibility.







Open research data assessment metrics are the goal not the status quo

We currently have no research data assessment metrics, and will not have them in the next 12–24 months.

But we have started developing them, and we as a community have to make important decisions now.

If open research data assessment metrics are not available now, or in the near future, what are the incentives for researchers?

Good Science.



Data citations should facilitate identification of, access to, and verification of the specific data that support a claim (JDDCP#7)

Some of the things to consider when developing research data assessment metrics

Assessment metrics are important incentives, but will also lead to undesired side effects.

Disciplinary context is extremely important.

A lot more (qualitative) research is needed to understand why data are cited.

Citation of a journal article might be a proxy for citing the underlying data.