

OPEN METADATA SOURCES

COMPARING OPENALEX TO
OPENAIRE

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Executive Summary

In this project, we assess and compare OpenAlex to OpenAIRE metadata, both in coverage of publications and other research output (with and without DOIs) as well as in coverage of metadata (including identifiers) for authors, institutions, publication venues and disciplines.

The report currently contains all the graphs comparing metadata coverage of OpenAlex compared to OpenAIRE, and of DOIs vs non-DOIs in openaire. More explanatory text, tables and interpretation of findings will be added in a later version.

Complete data and code are available on Github:

<https://github.com/Curtin-Open-Knowledge-Initiative/open-metadata-report>

All images and data belonging to this report are located in the directory

[reports\run_20230813_crossref_openalex_openaire_2](#) in this repository.

Introduction and Background

In January 2022, OpenAlex was launched as a source of open bibliographic metadata. Intended both as a replacement of and improvement on Microsoft Academic, it provides structured data on publications, authors, institutions and publication venues.

Many tools, projects and services relied on Microsoft Academic as source of largely open metadata, and might consider switching to OpenAlex. More broadly, the launch of OpenAlex has increased interest in the potential of open metadata to enable discovery, linking and integration of data on research processes and outputs.

Unlike metadata from closed sources, open metadata can be combined and enriched to provide a rich open metadata landscape. Transparency and provenance allow identifying and addressing existing gaps and biases in coverage and quality.

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Data sources

This report was run using the following tables as source data:

- OpenAlex: `academic-observatory.openalex.works_snapshot20230602`
- OpenAIRE: `academic-observatory.openaire.publication20221230`

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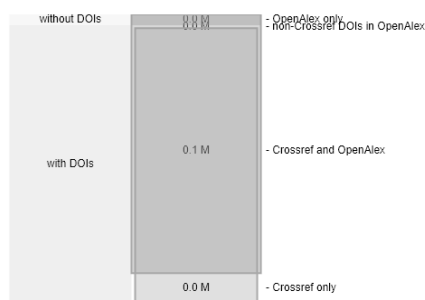
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Coverage of OpenAlex and OpenAIRE

Comparing coverage

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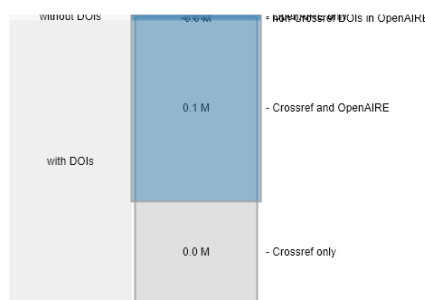


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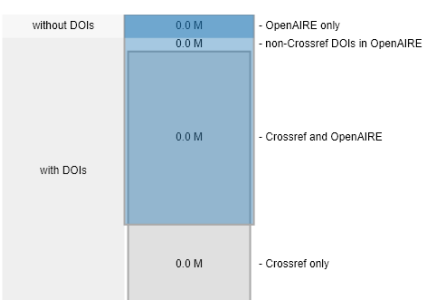


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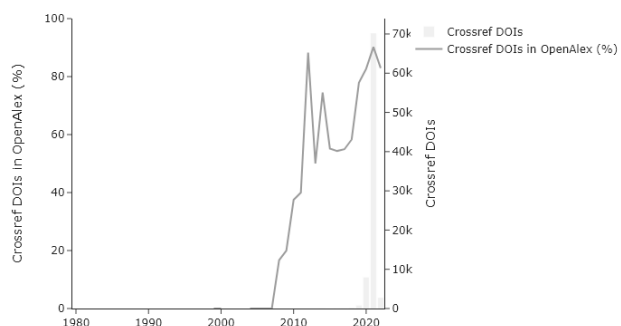


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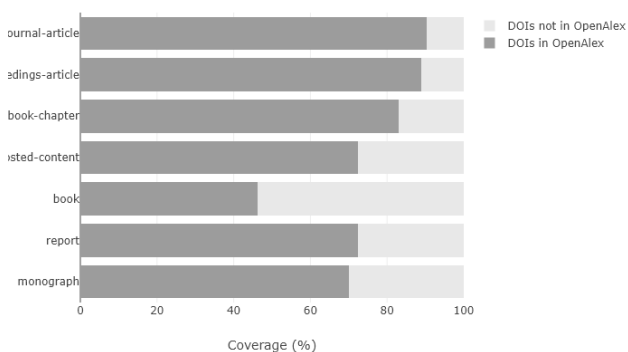


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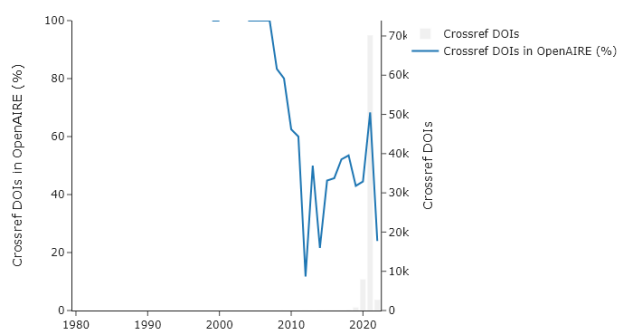


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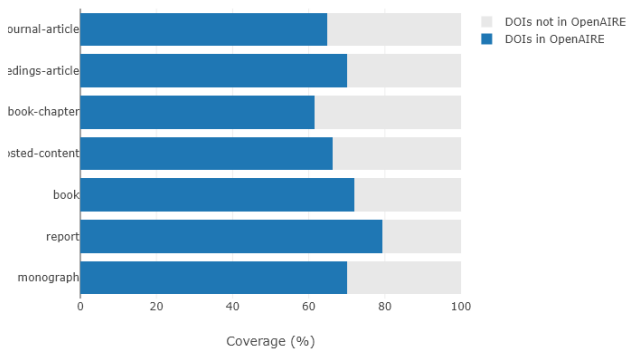


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By year and publication type - OpenAIRE



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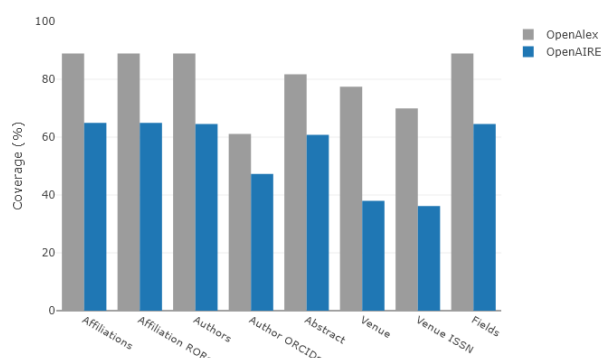


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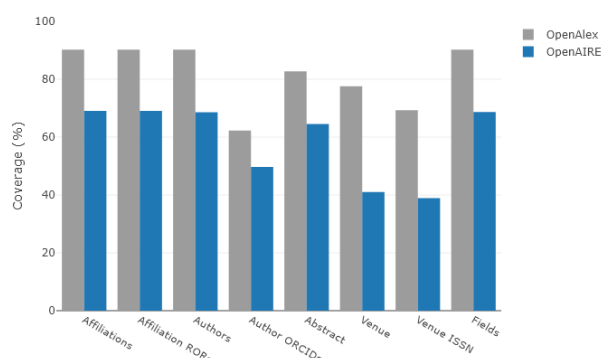
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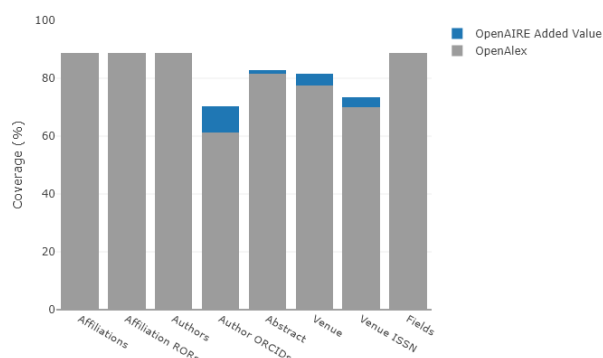
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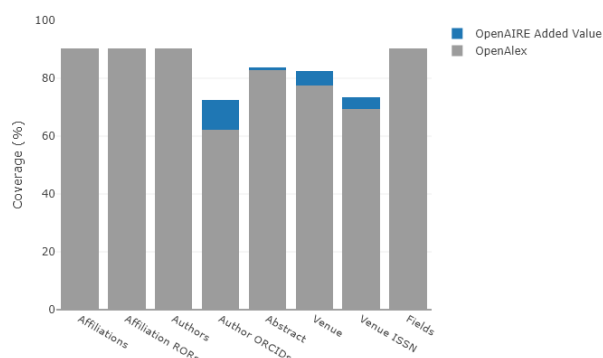
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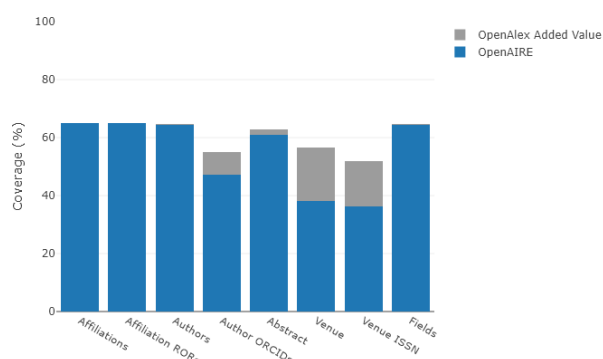
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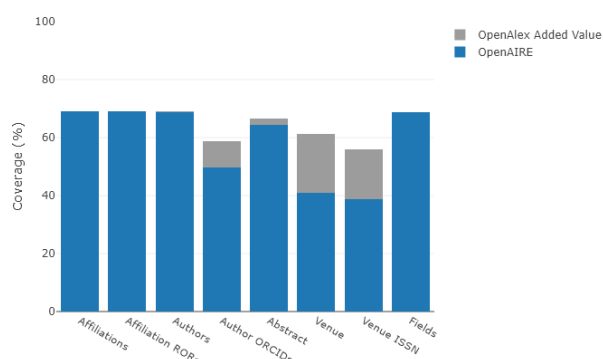
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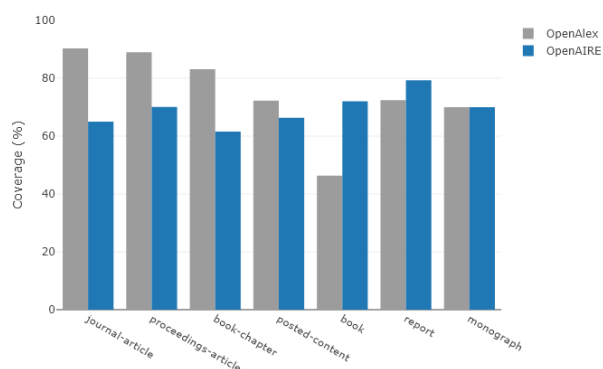


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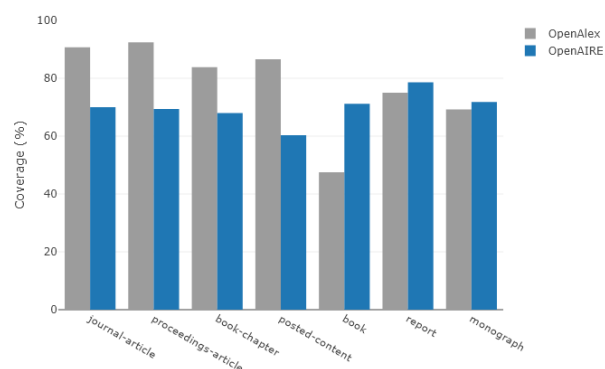
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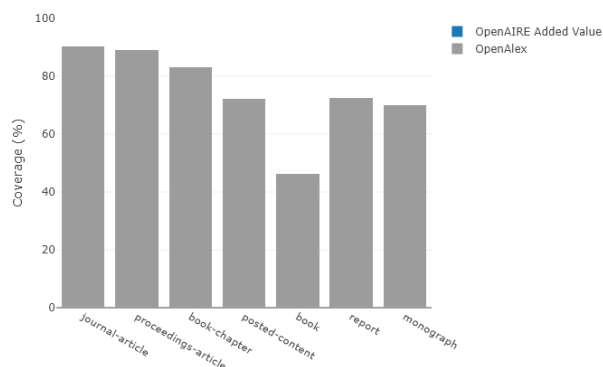
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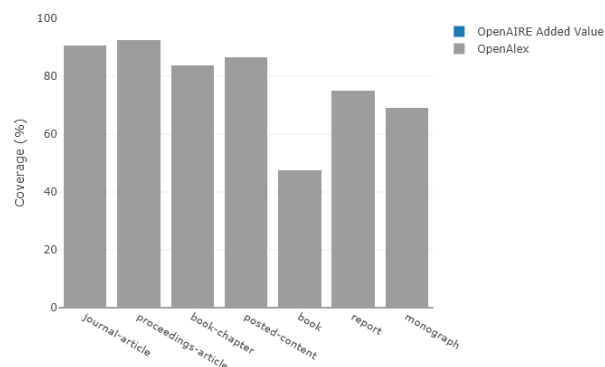
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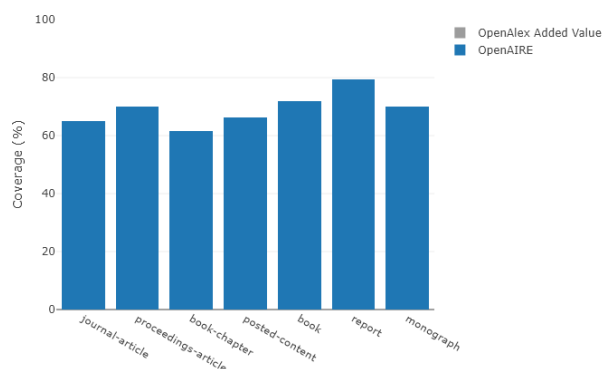
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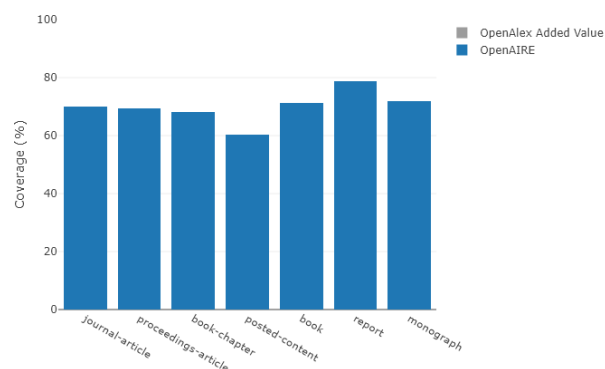
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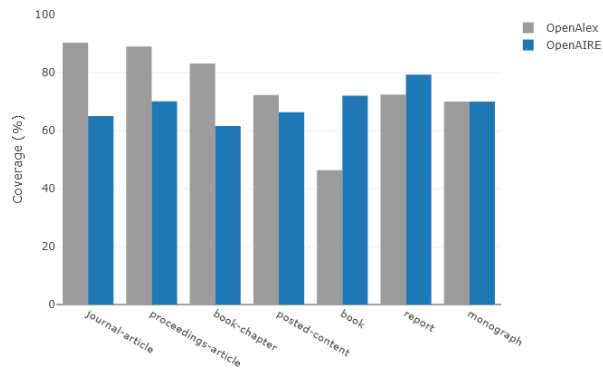


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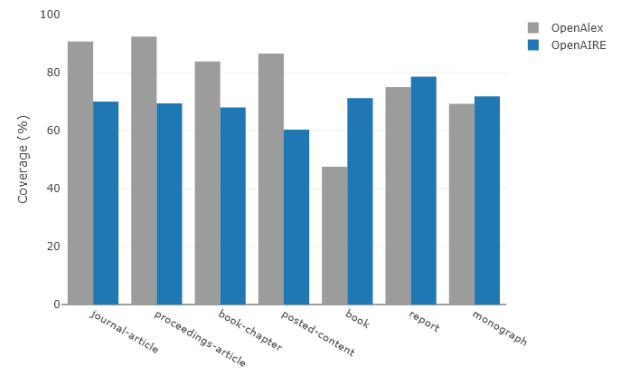


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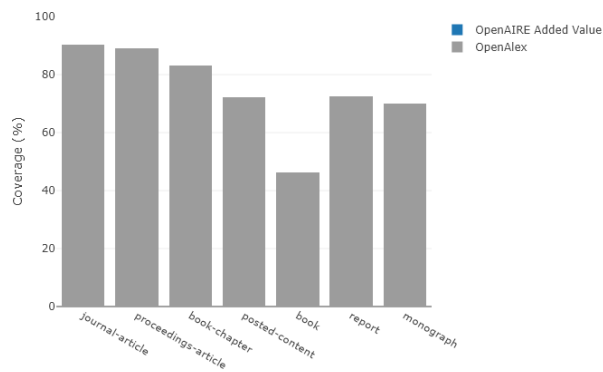
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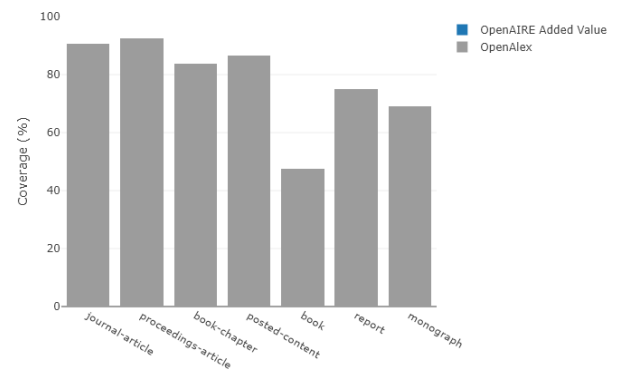
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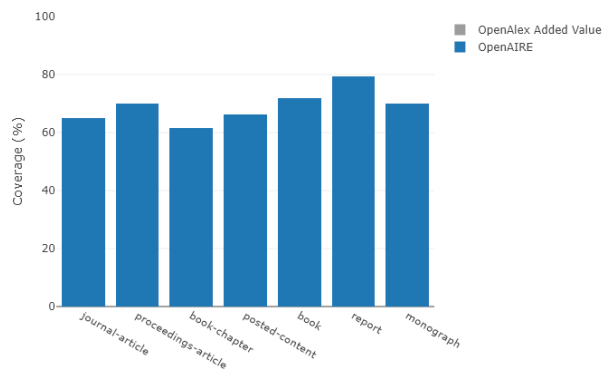
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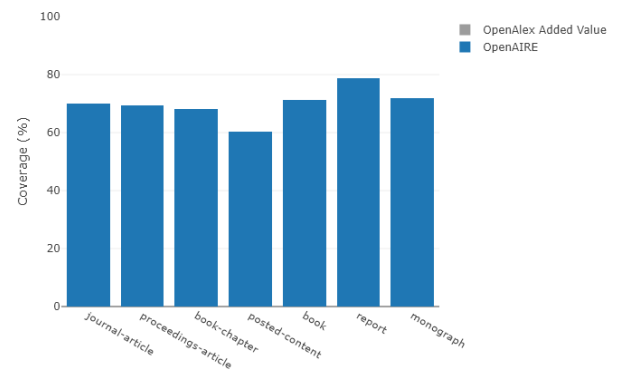
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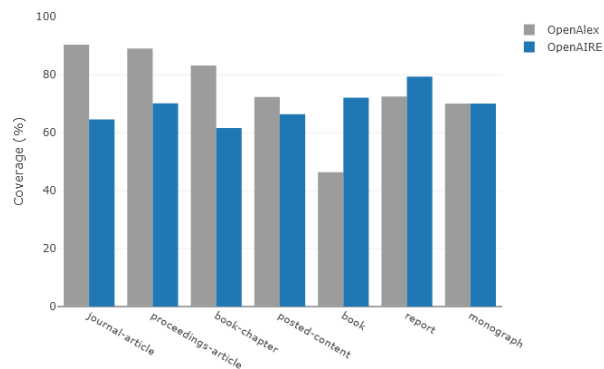


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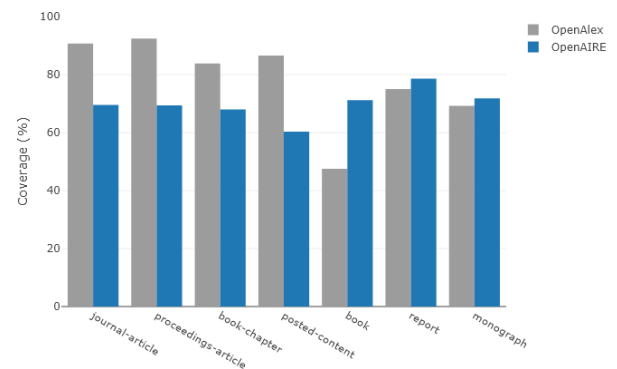


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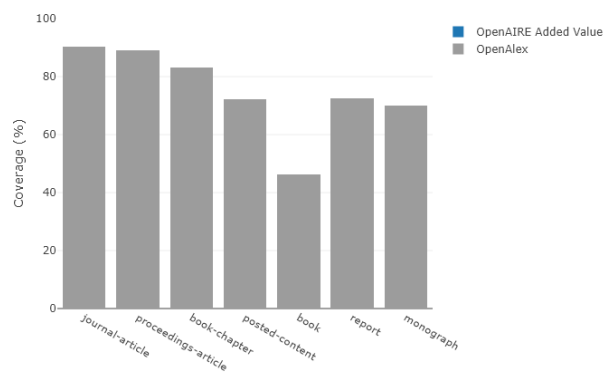
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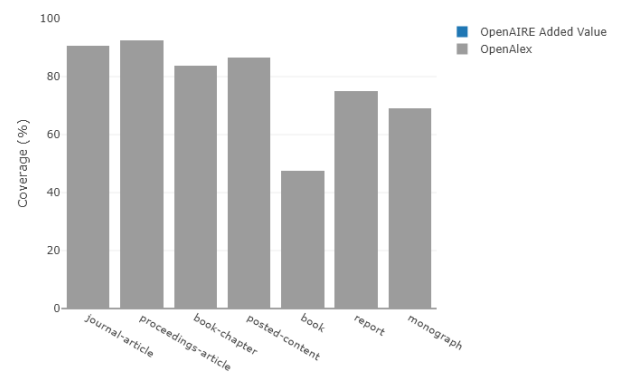
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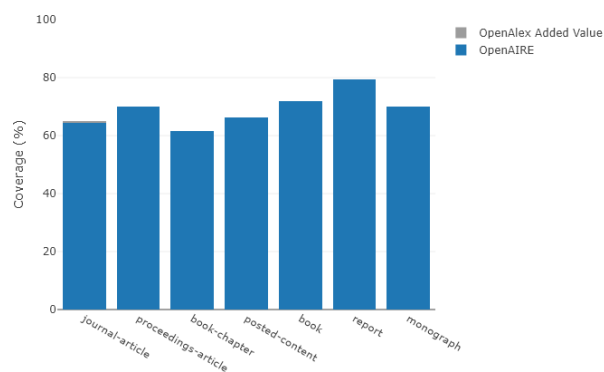
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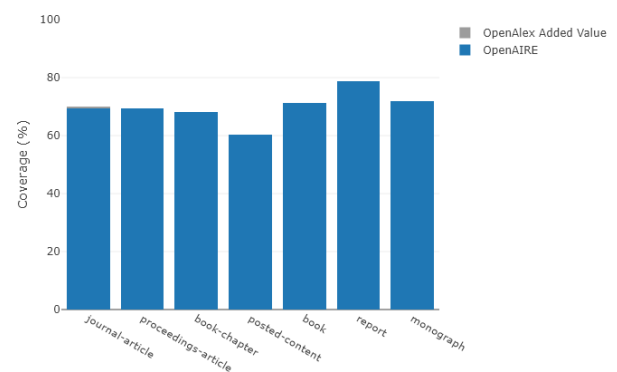
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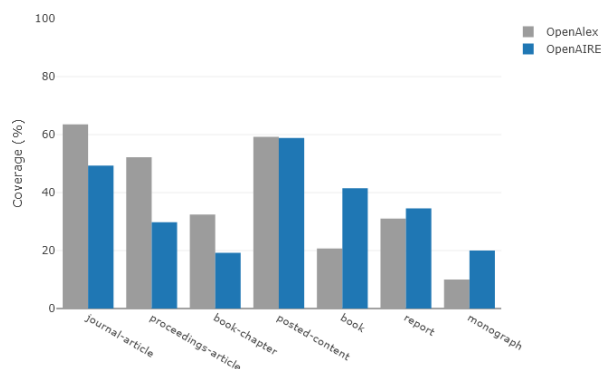


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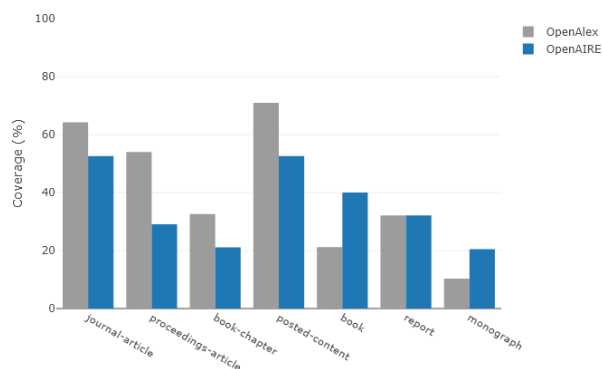


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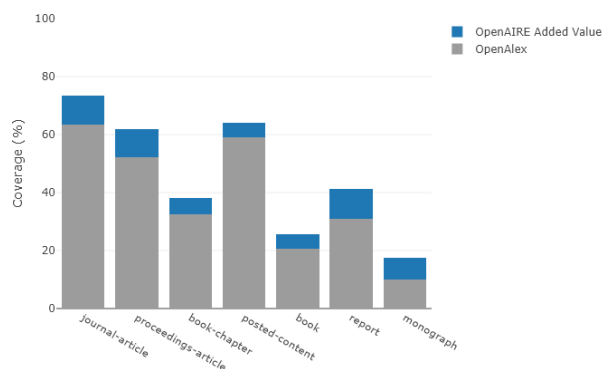
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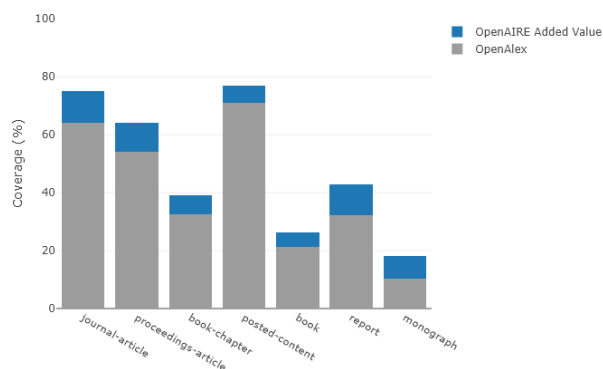
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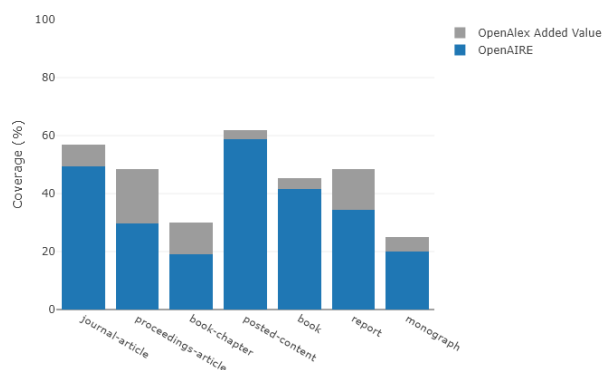
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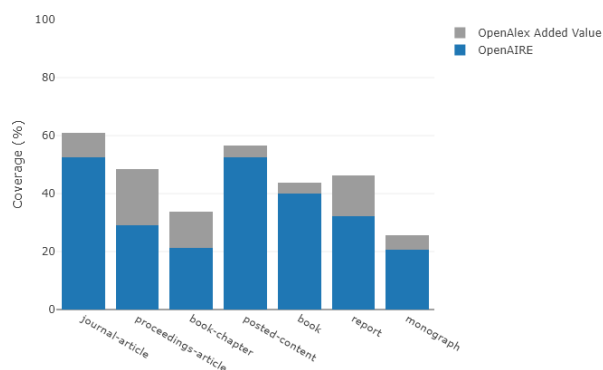
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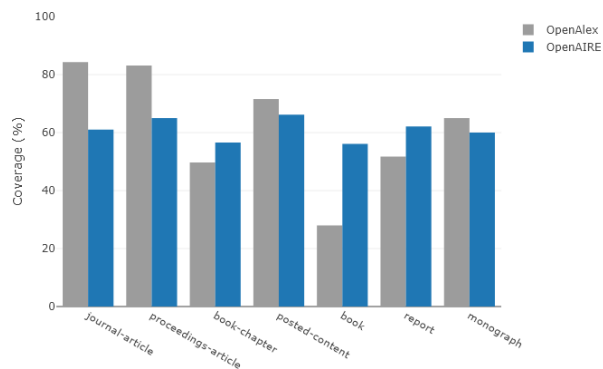


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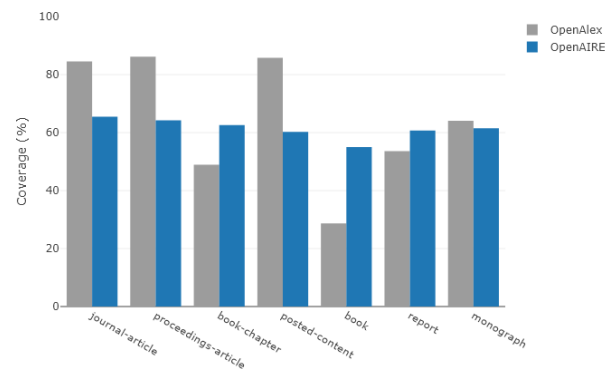


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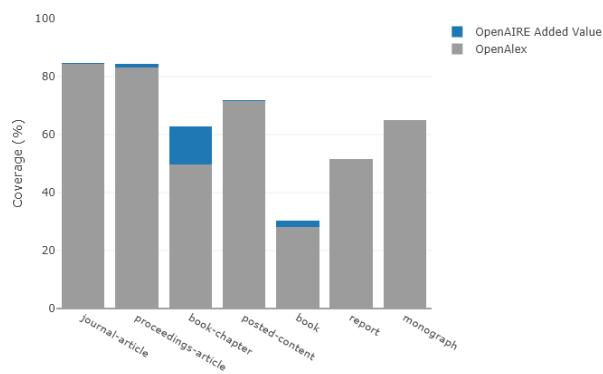
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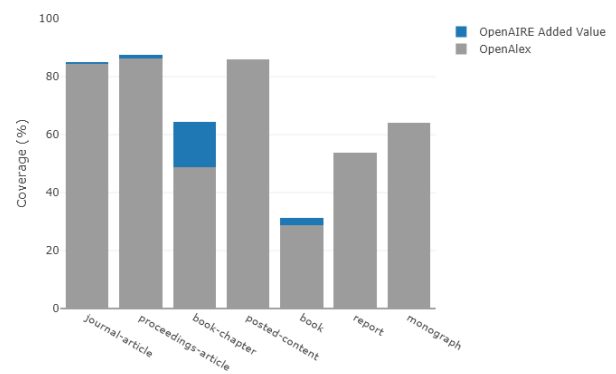
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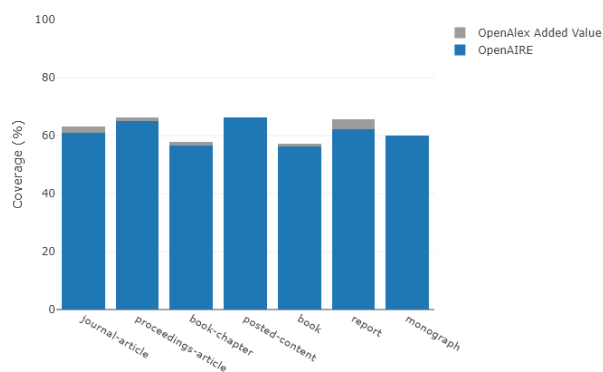
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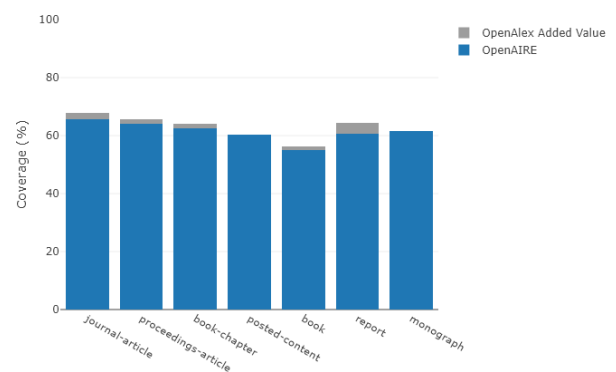
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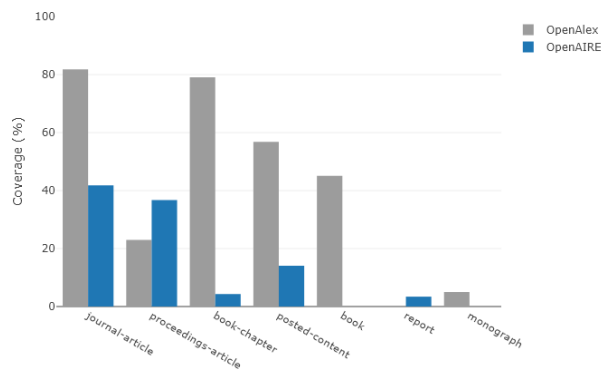


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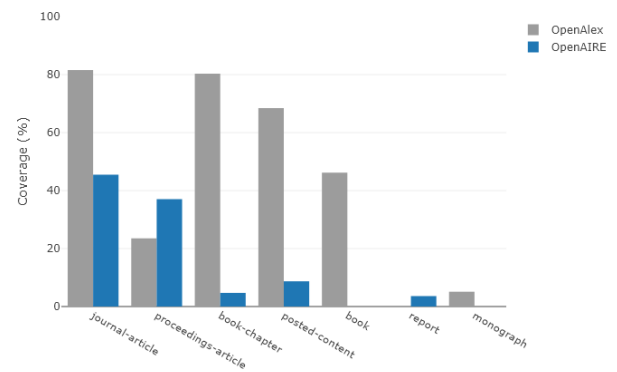


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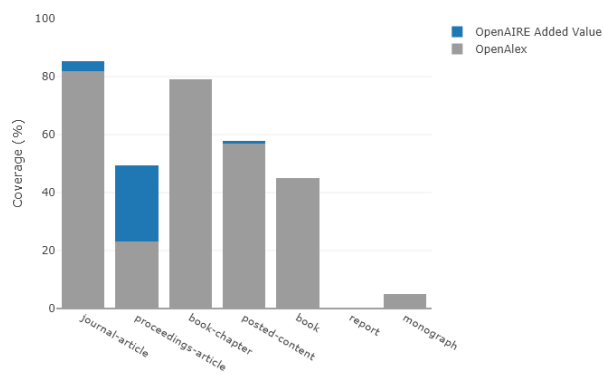
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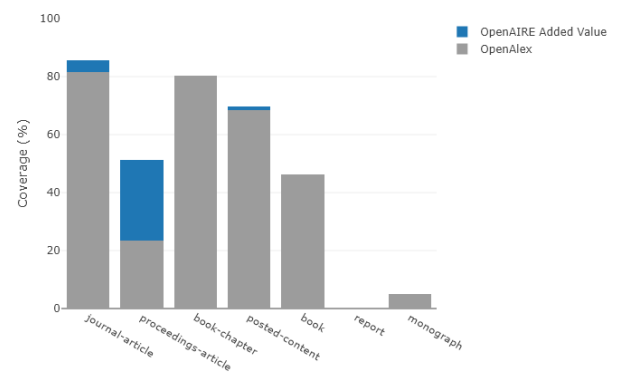
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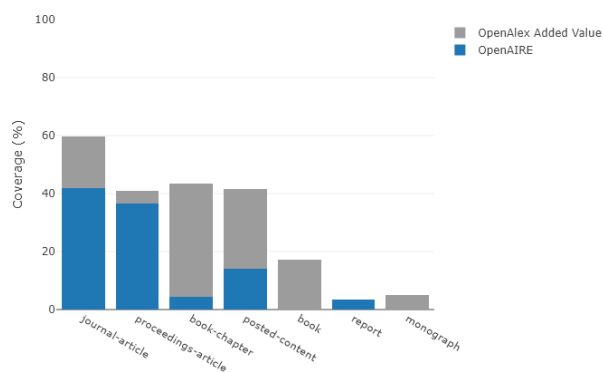
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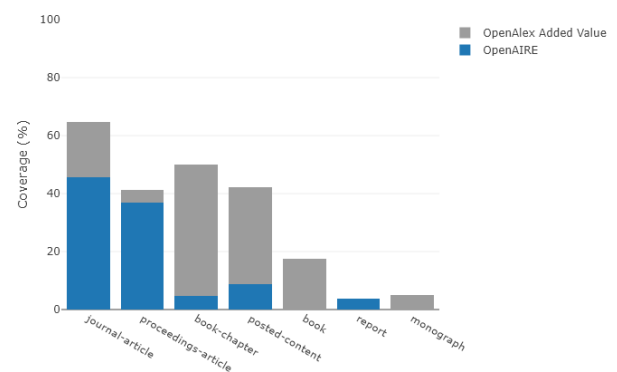
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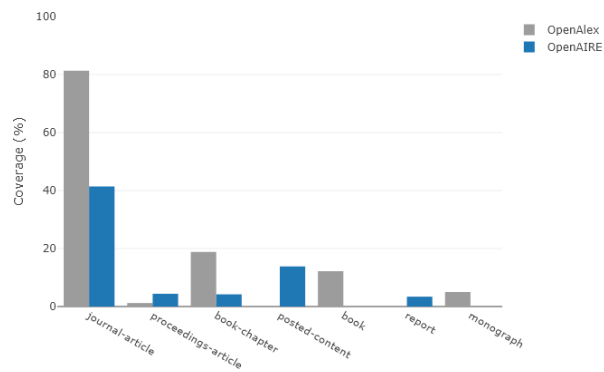


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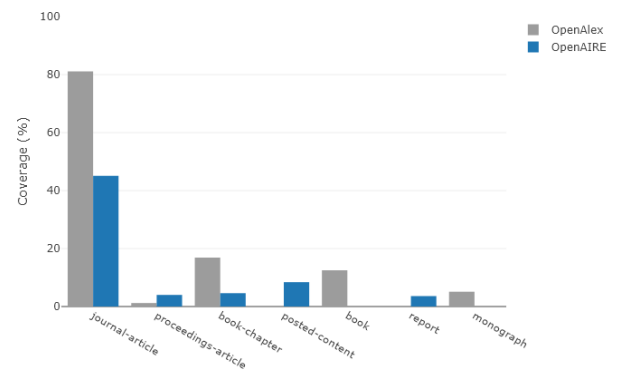


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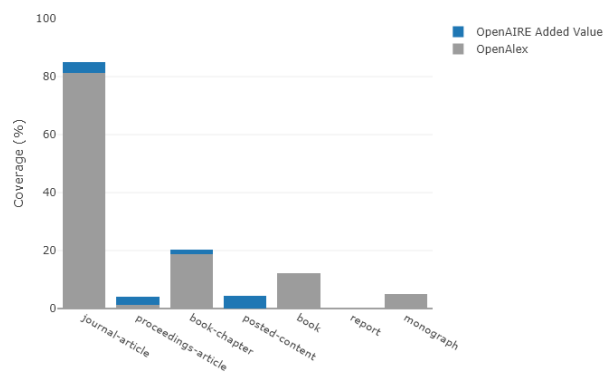
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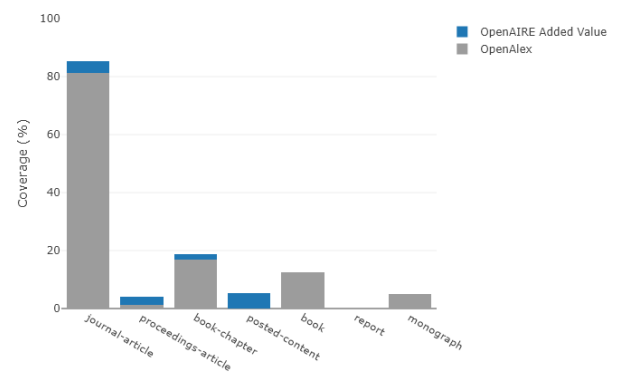
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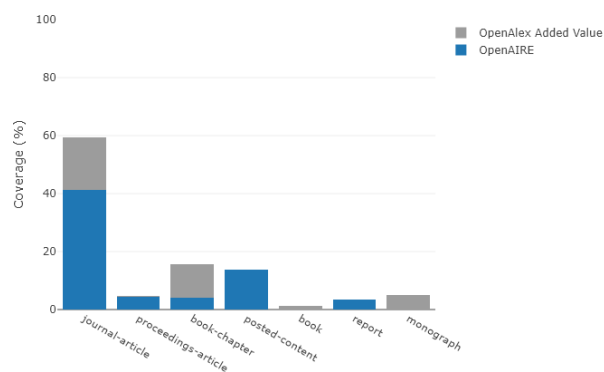
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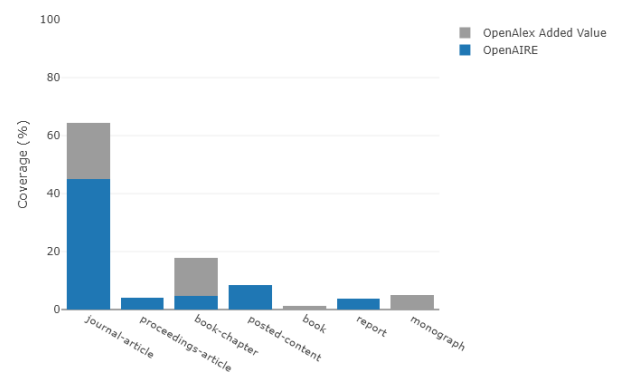
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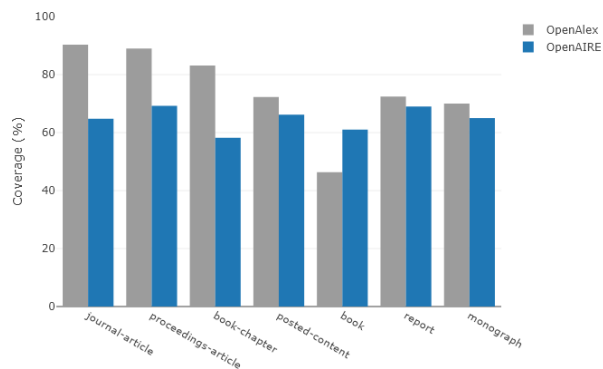


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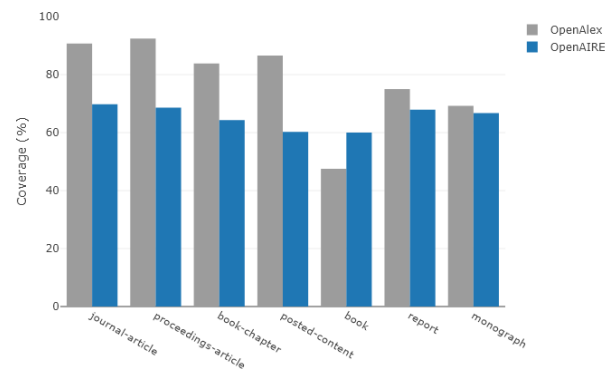


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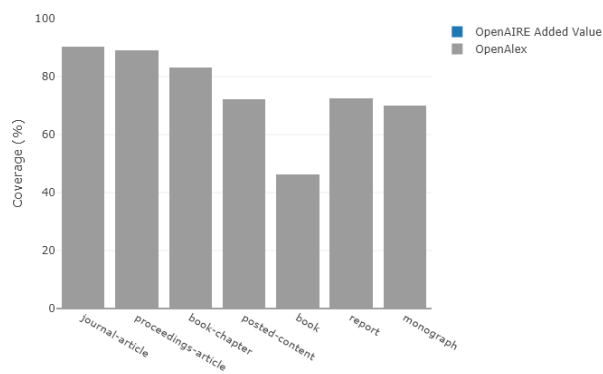
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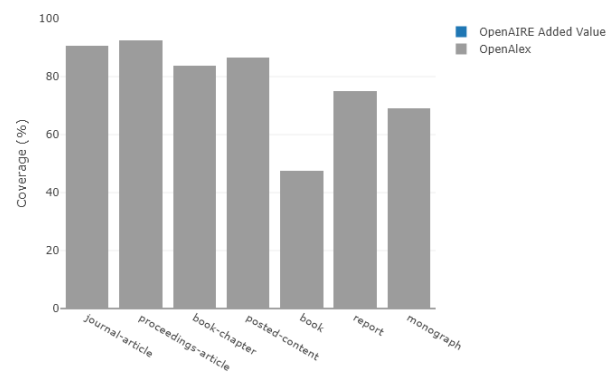
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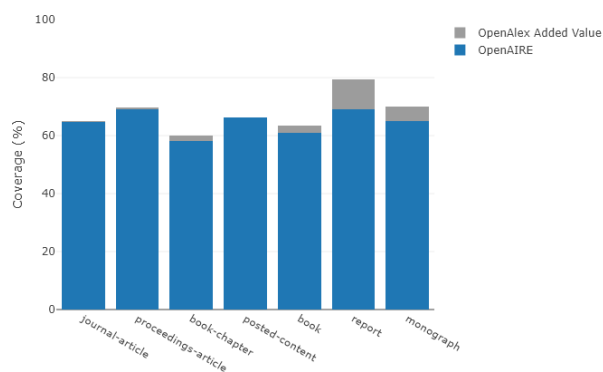
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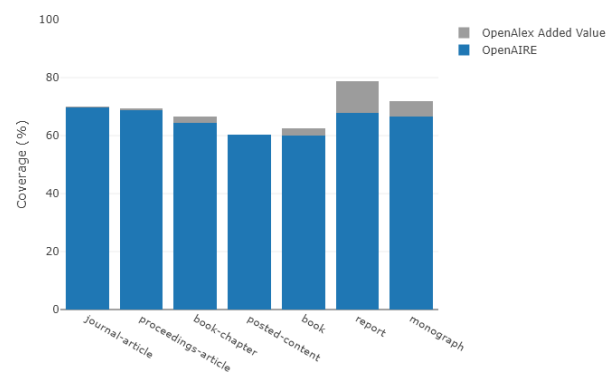
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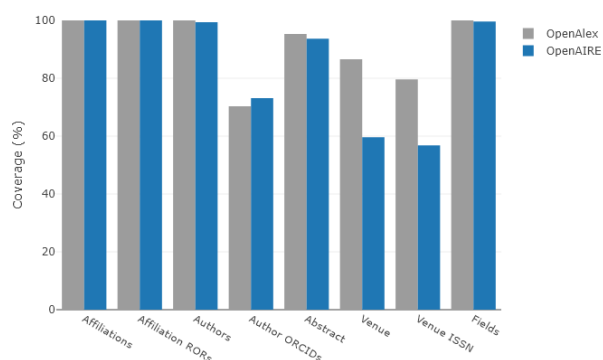


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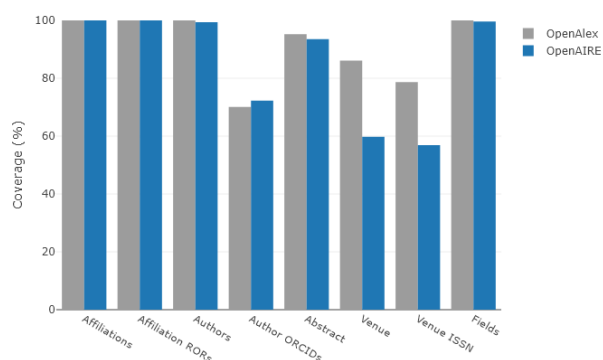
Comparing OpenAlex and OpenAIRE (overlap)

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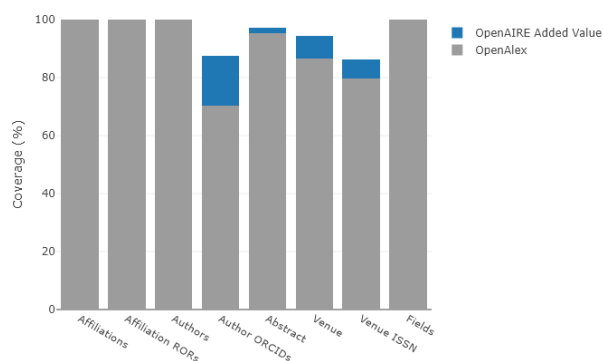
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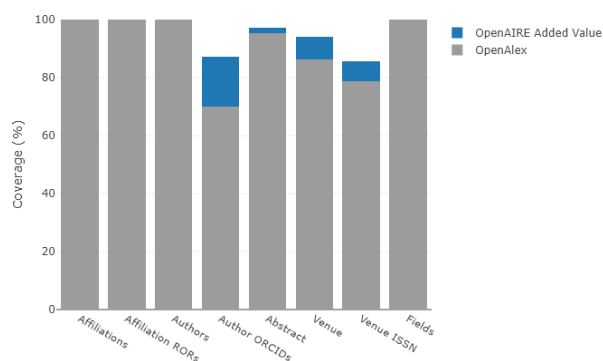
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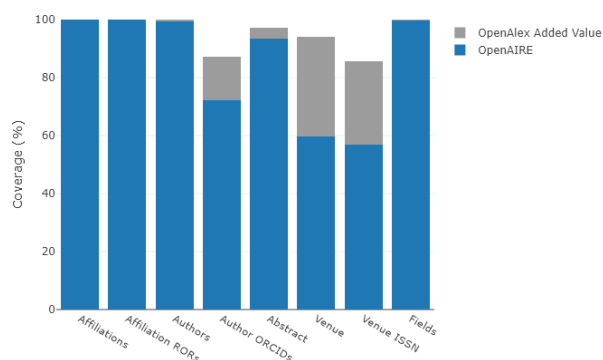
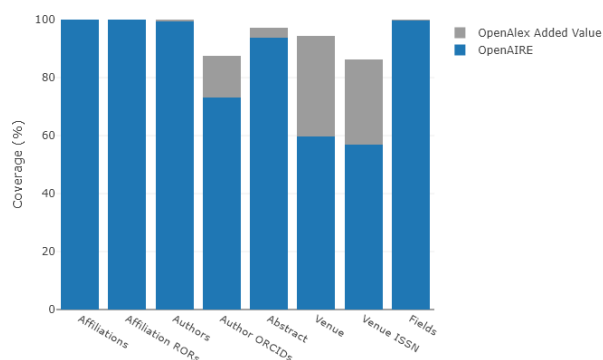
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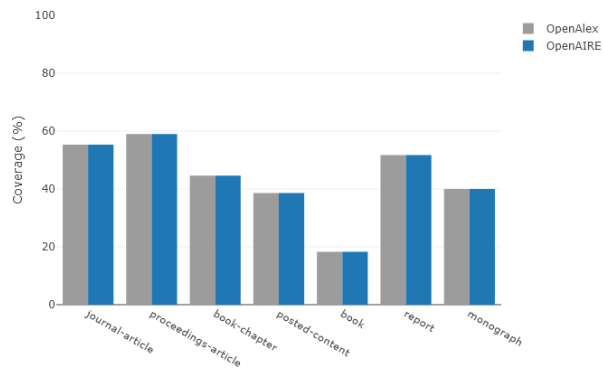
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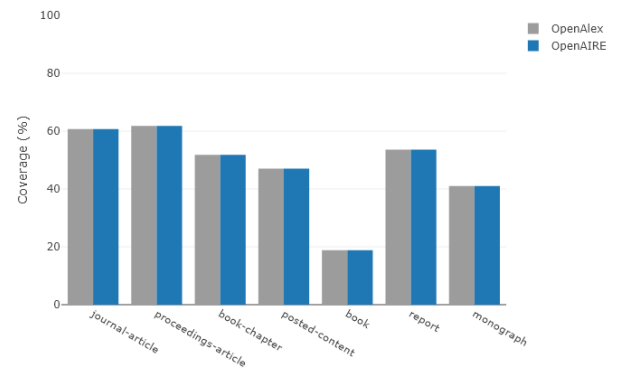
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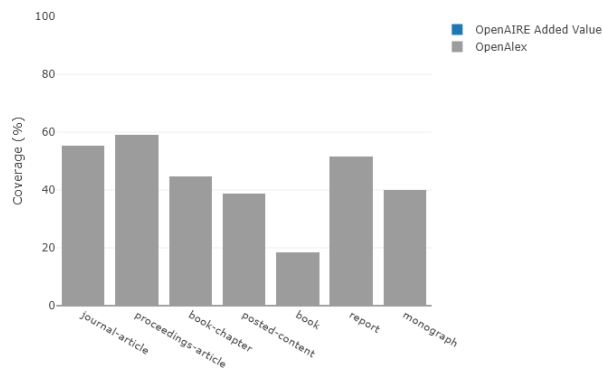
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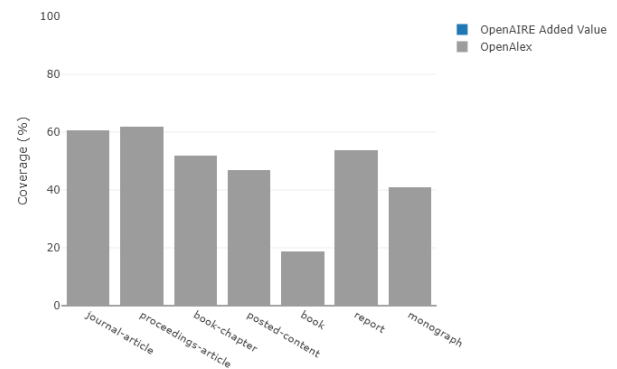
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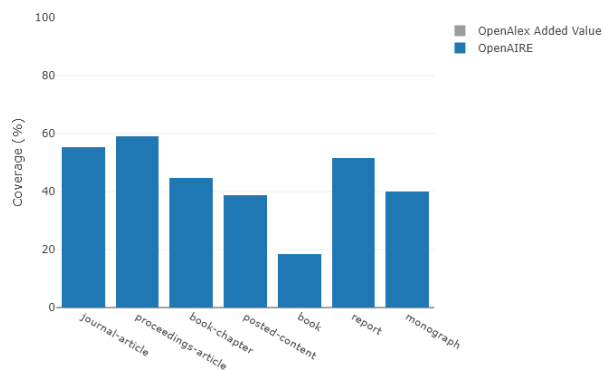
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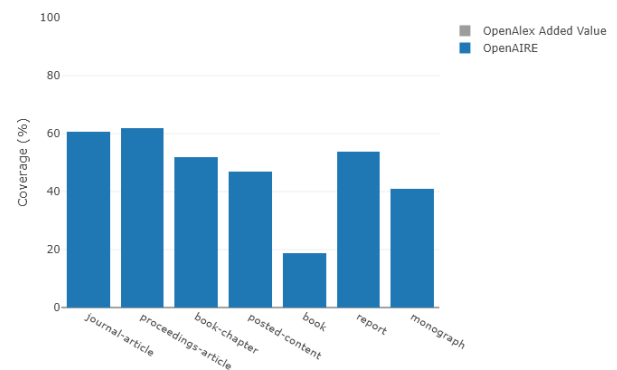
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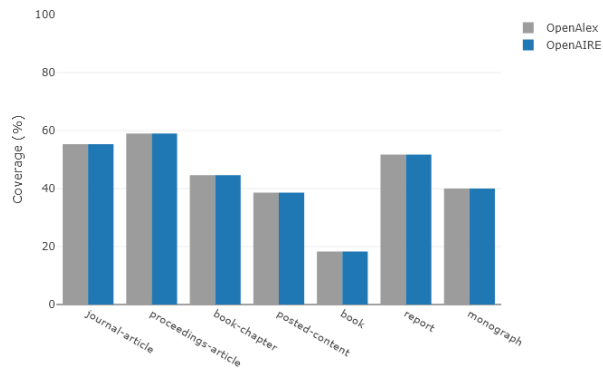


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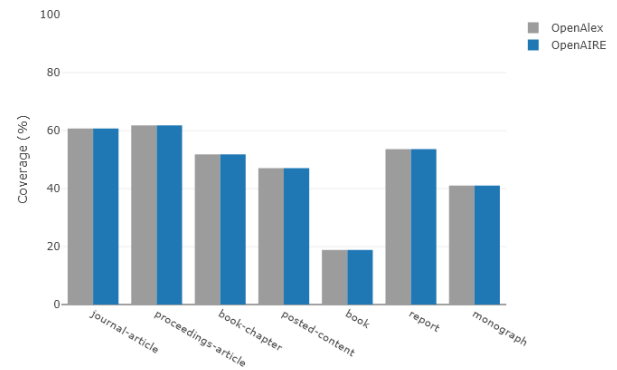


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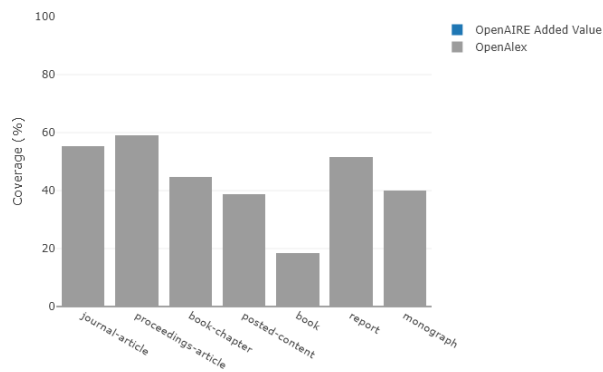
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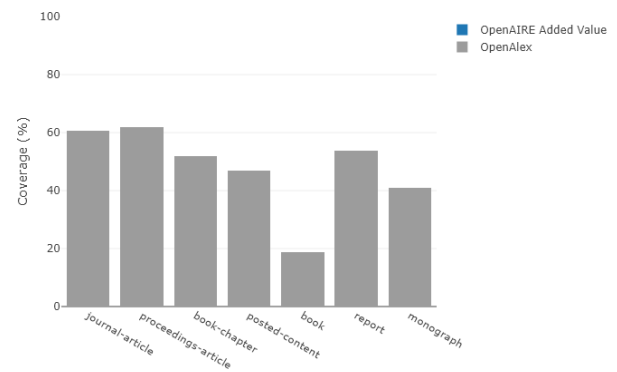
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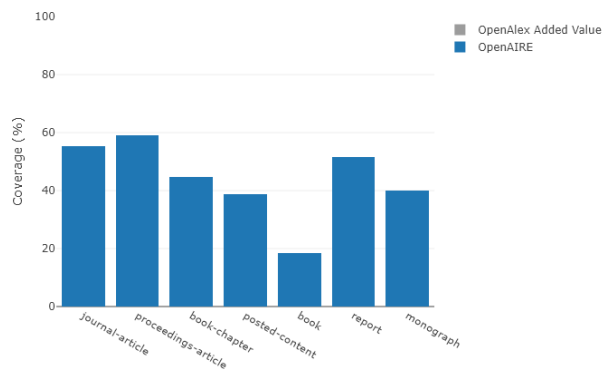
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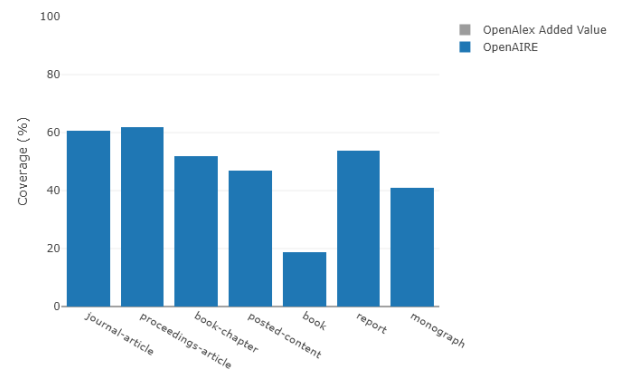
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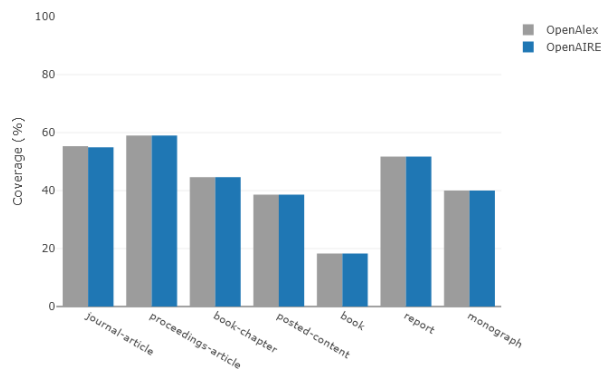


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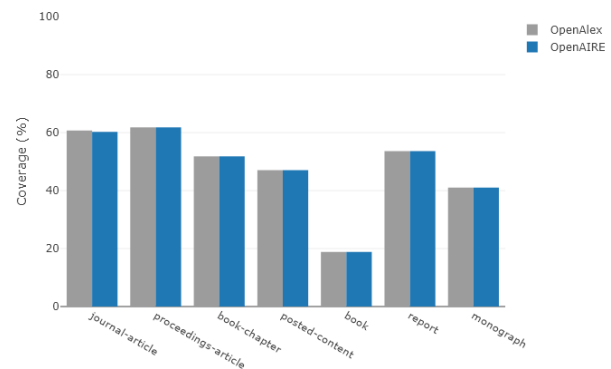


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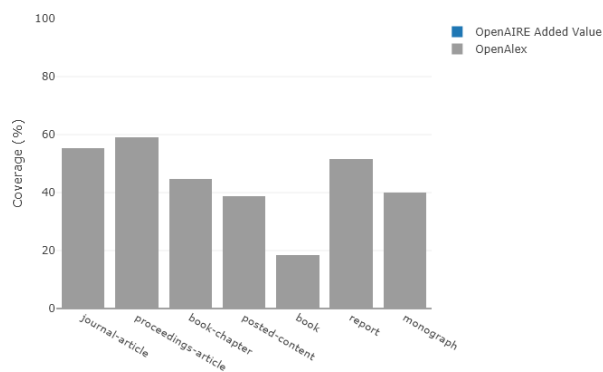
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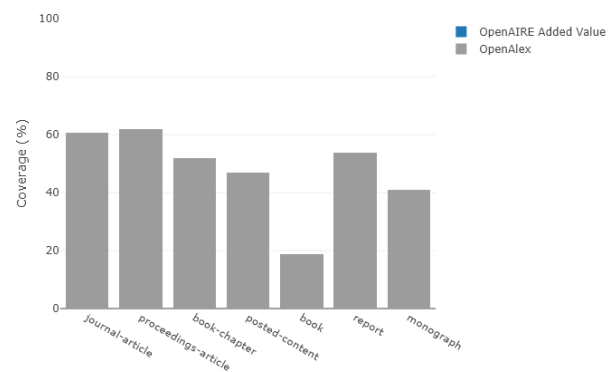
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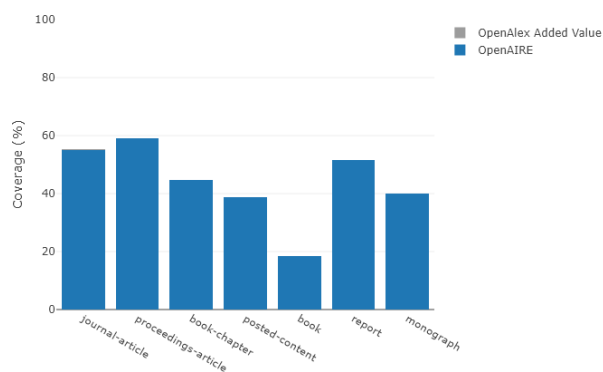
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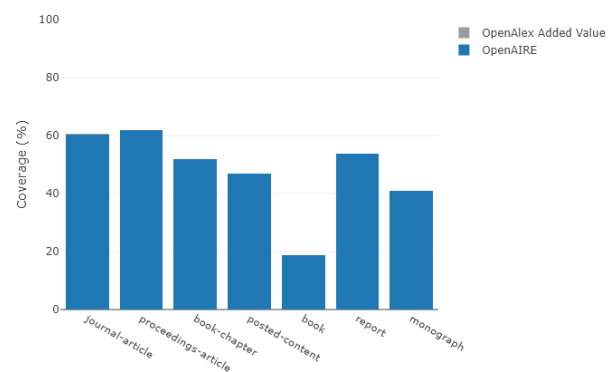
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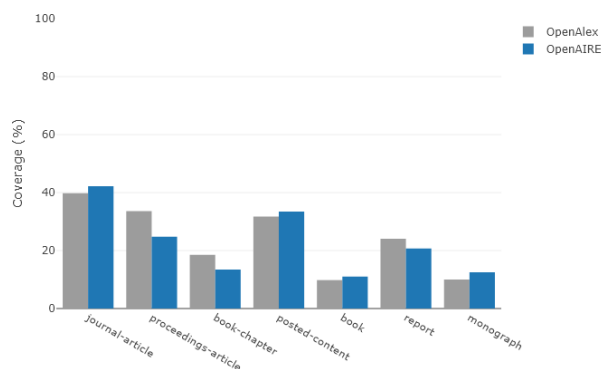


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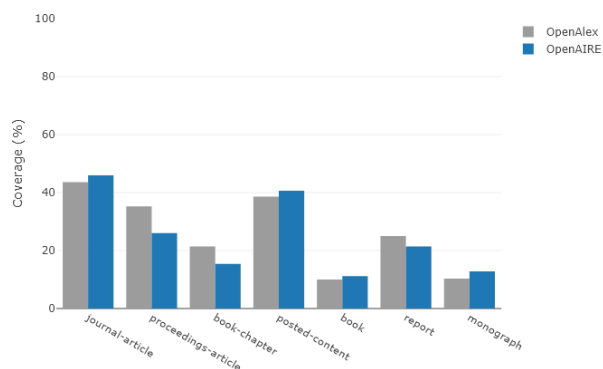


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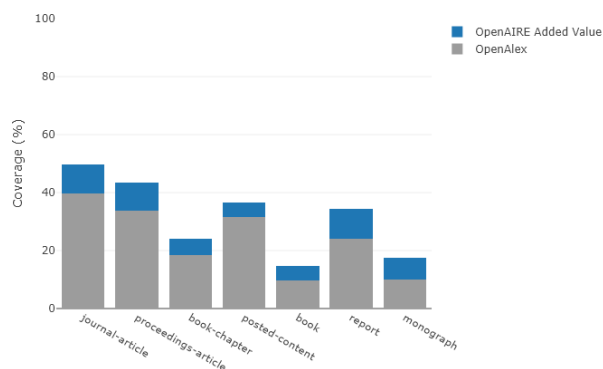
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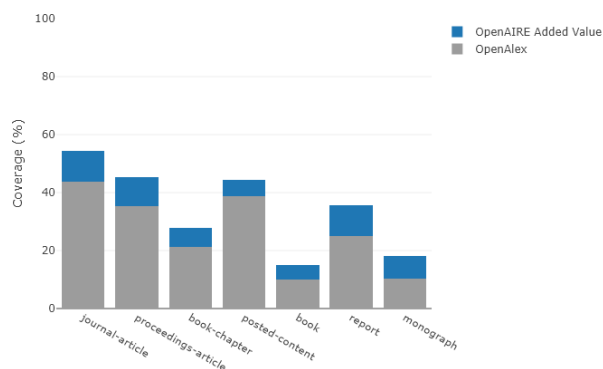
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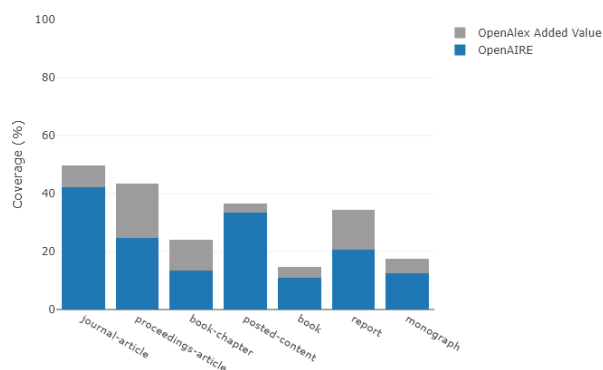
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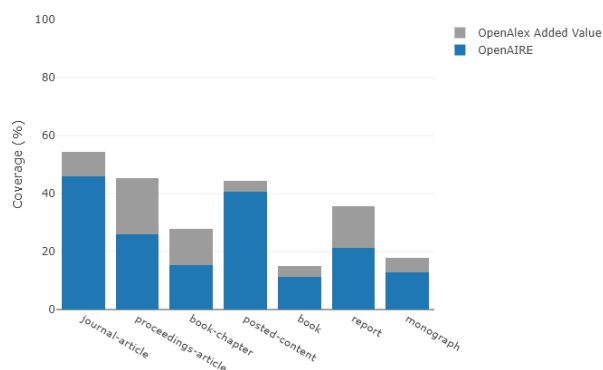
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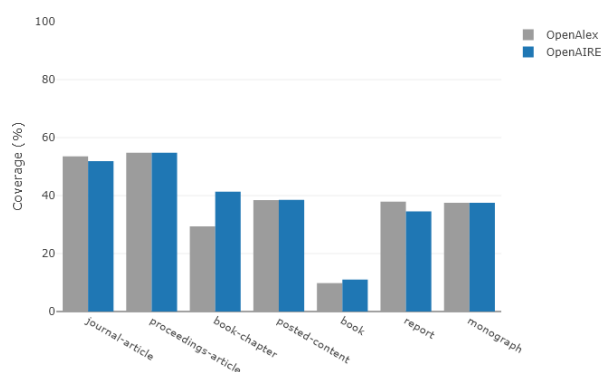


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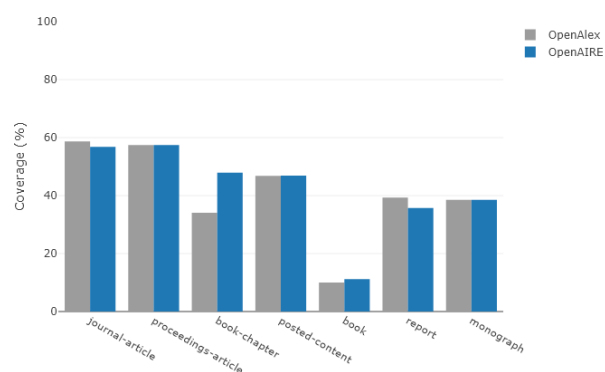


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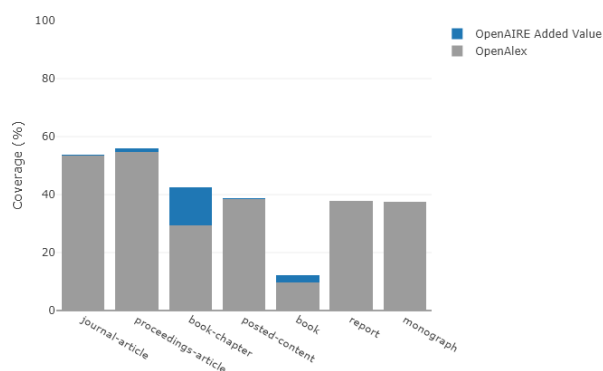
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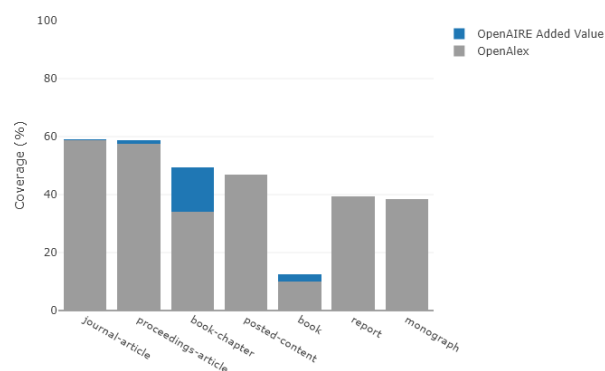
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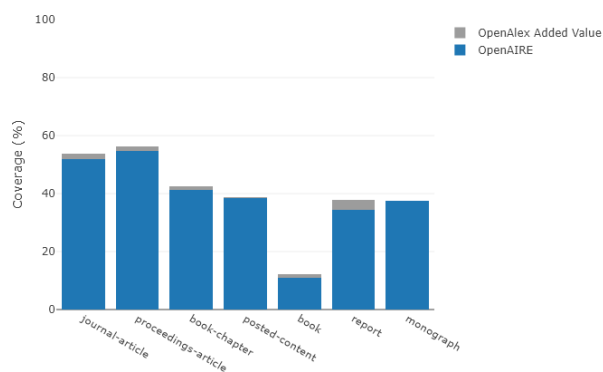
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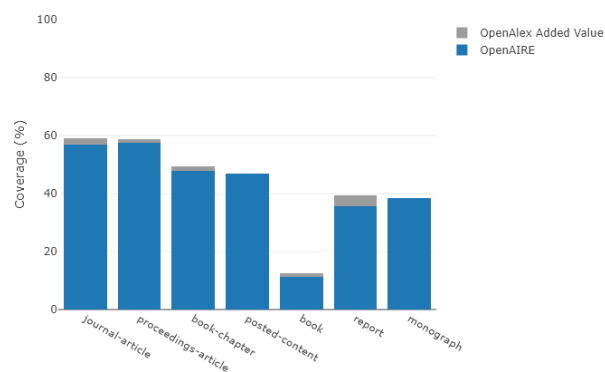
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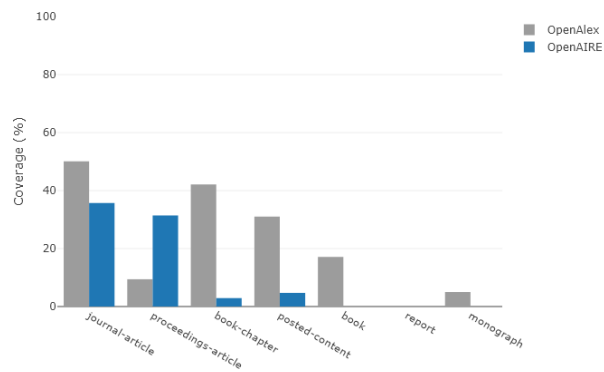


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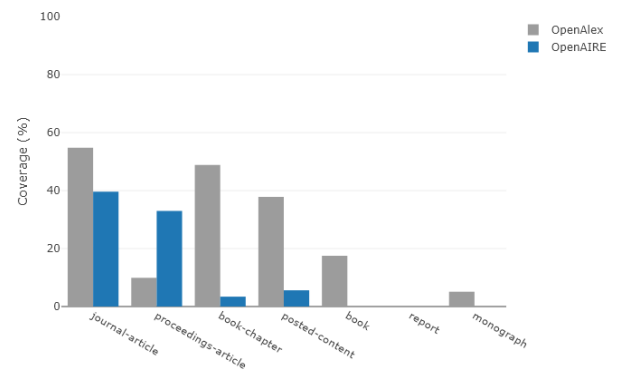


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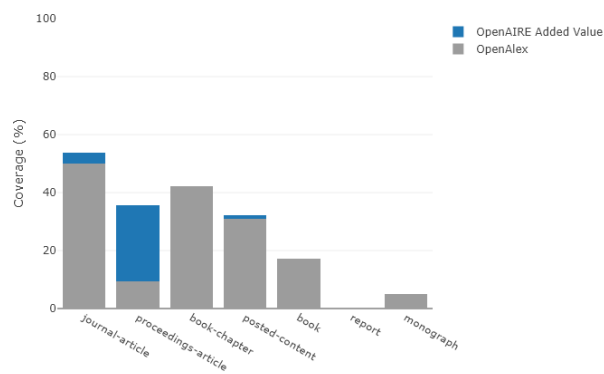
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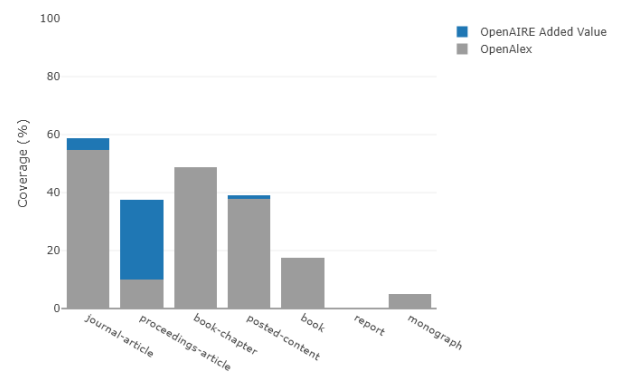
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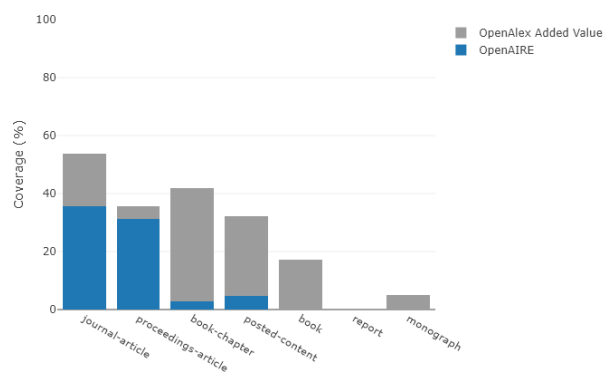
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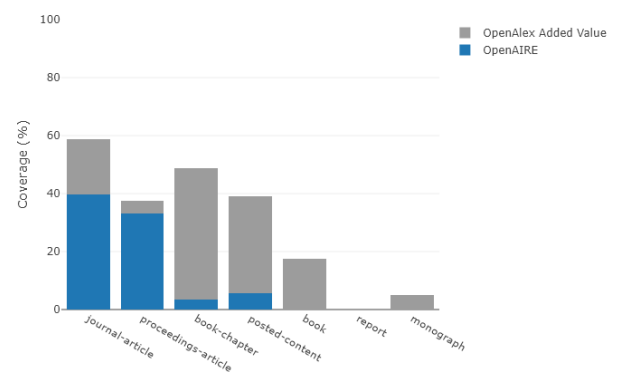
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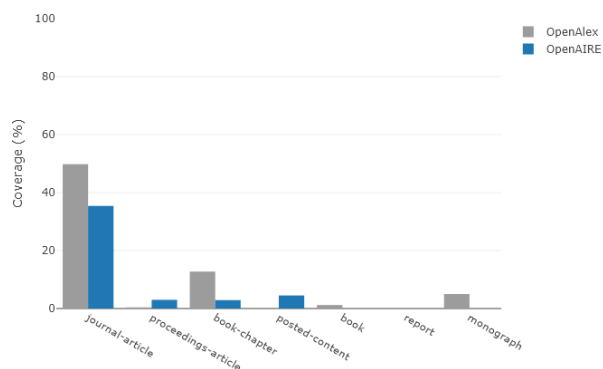


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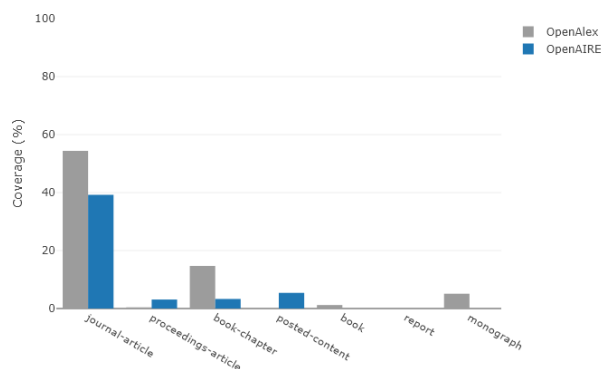


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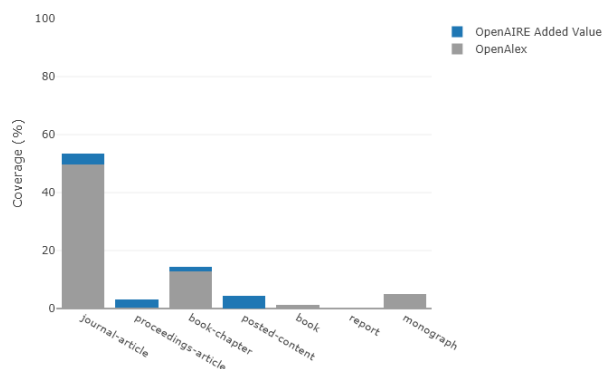
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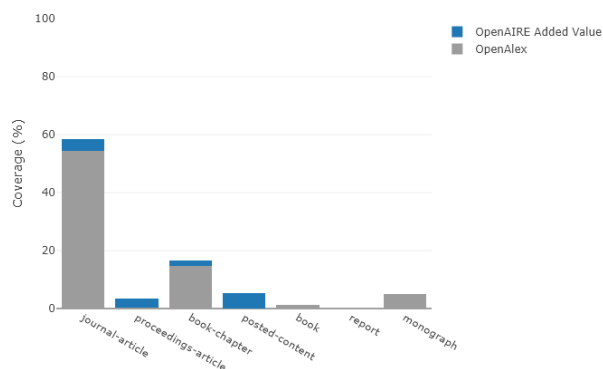
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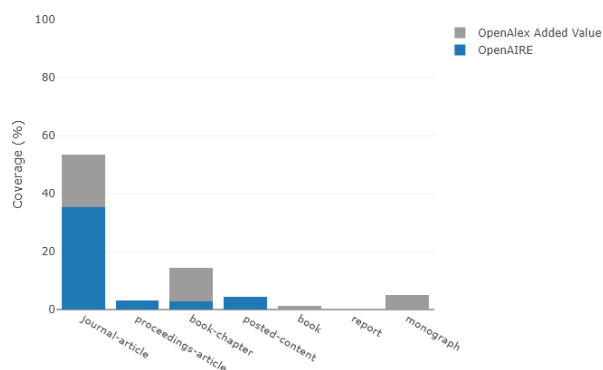
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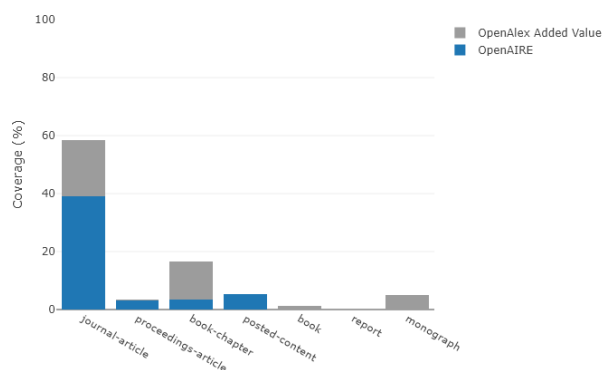
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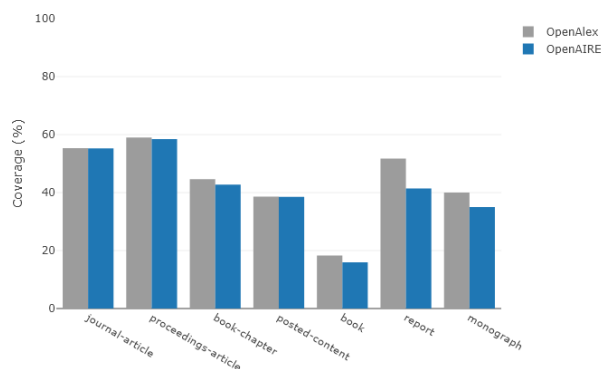


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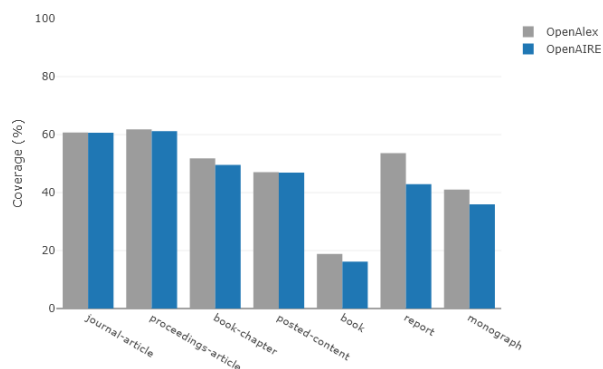


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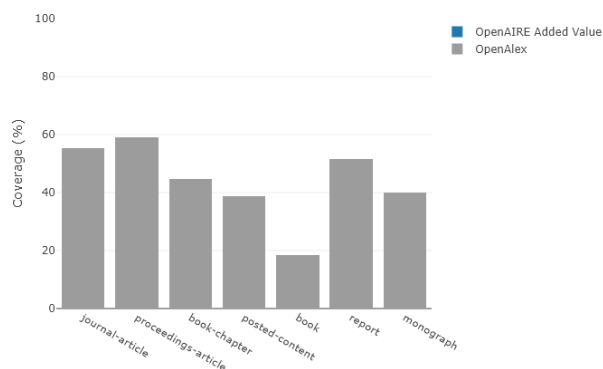
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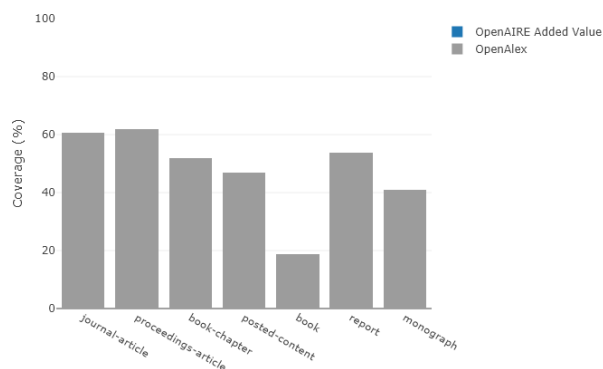
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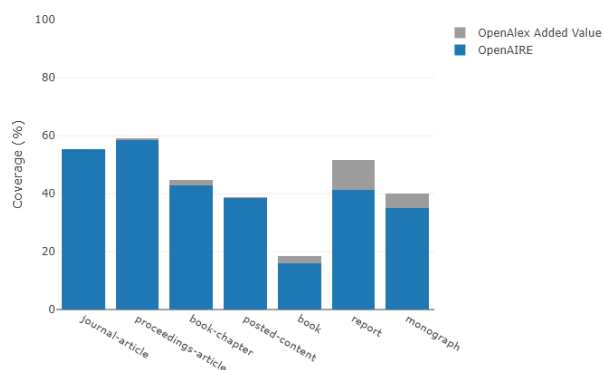
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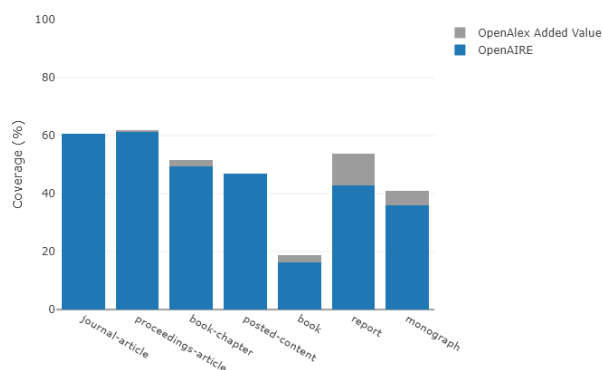
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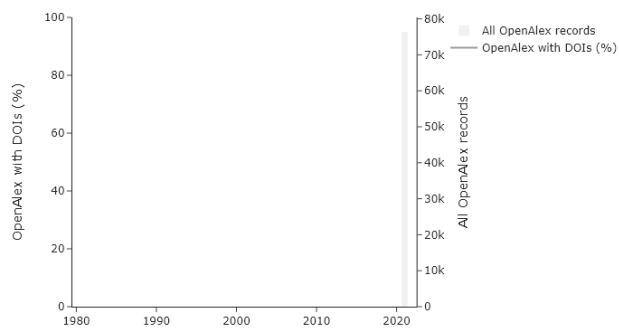


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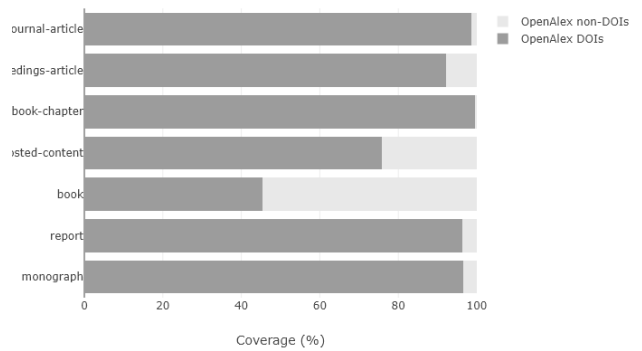
OpenAlex Coverage Beyond DOIs

DOIs vs non-DOIs

By year and publication type



coverage by publication date - all time

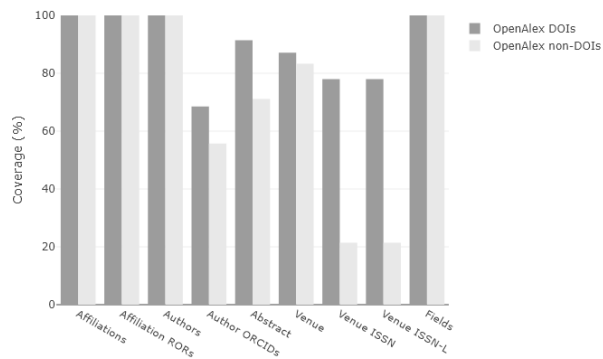


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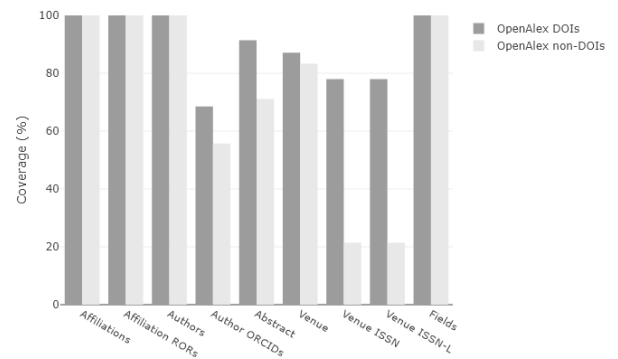
Metadata Coverage

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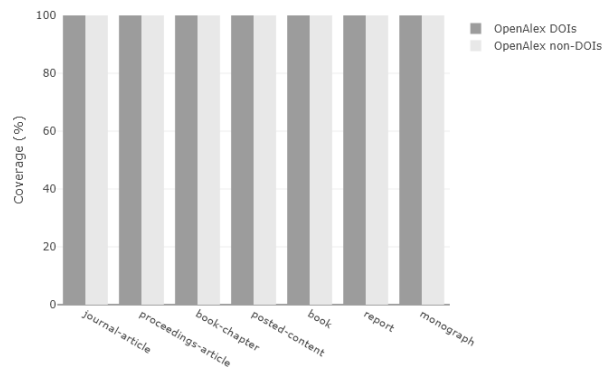


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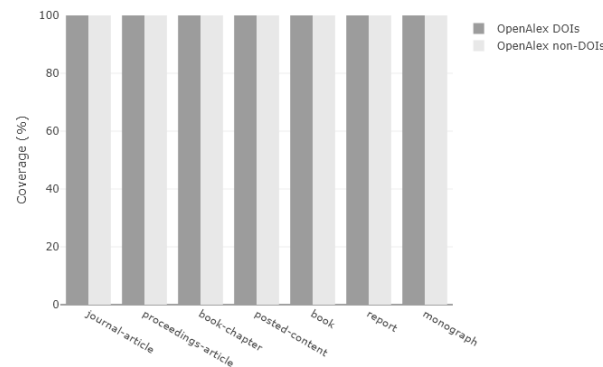
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Affiliations

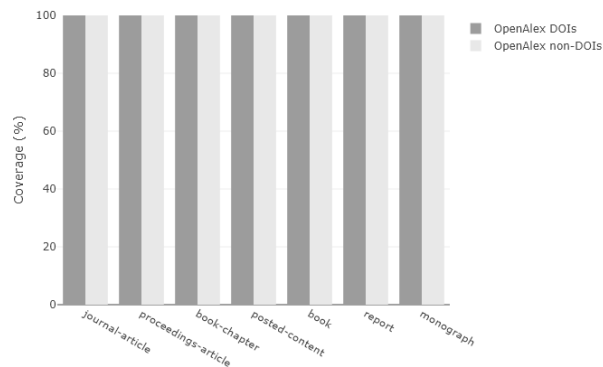


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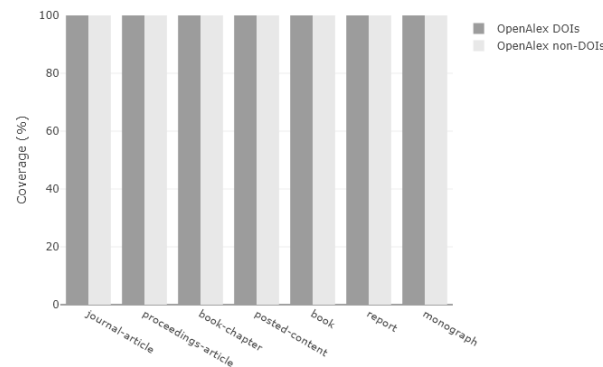


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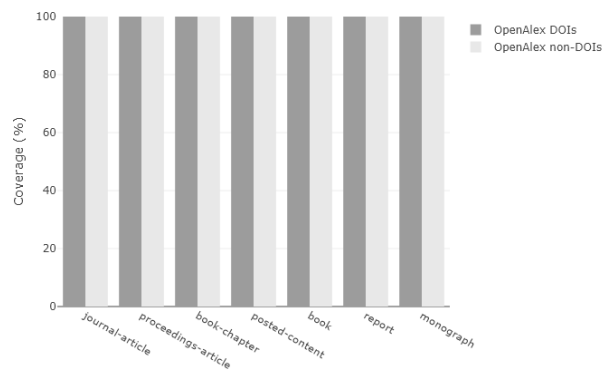


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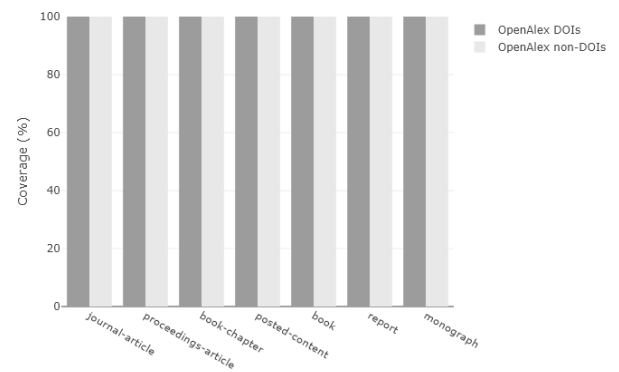


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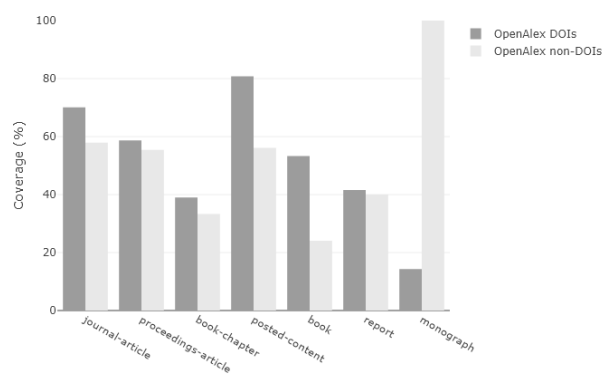


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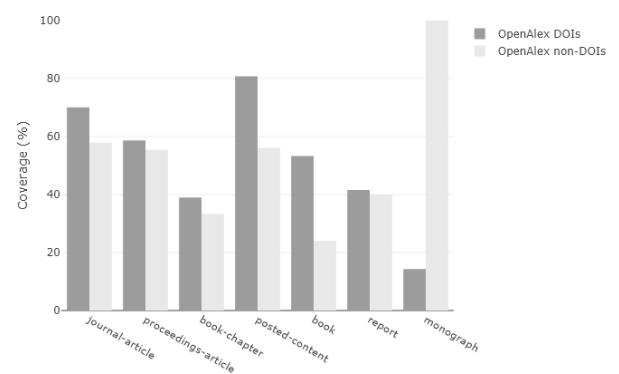


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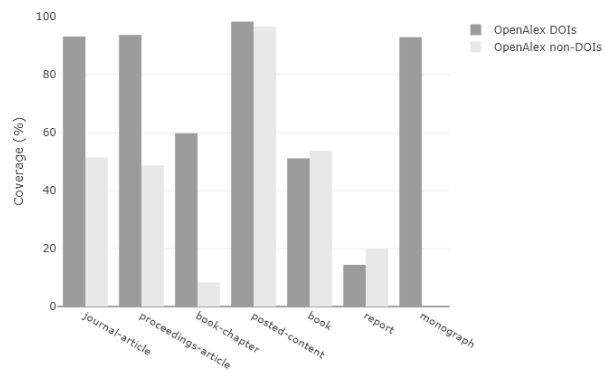


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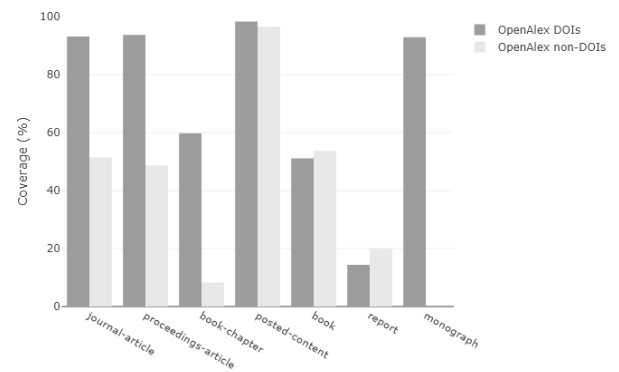


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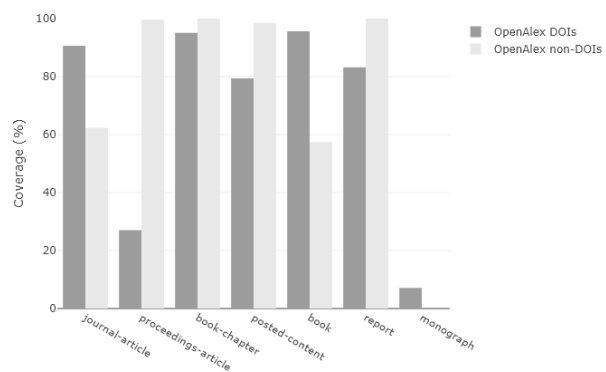


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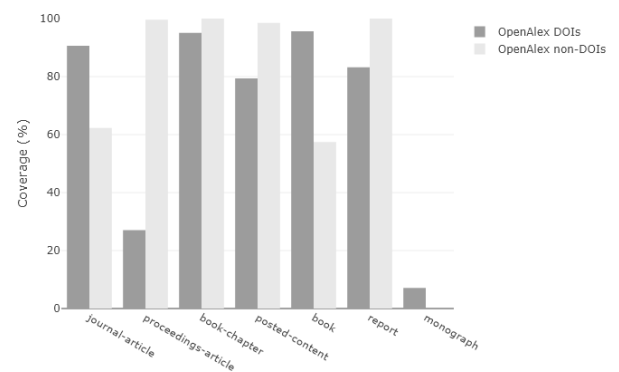


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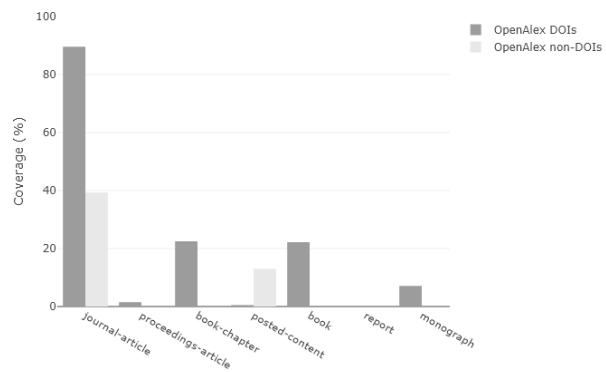


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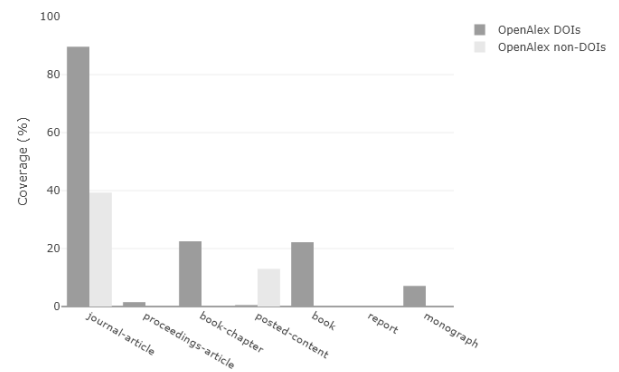


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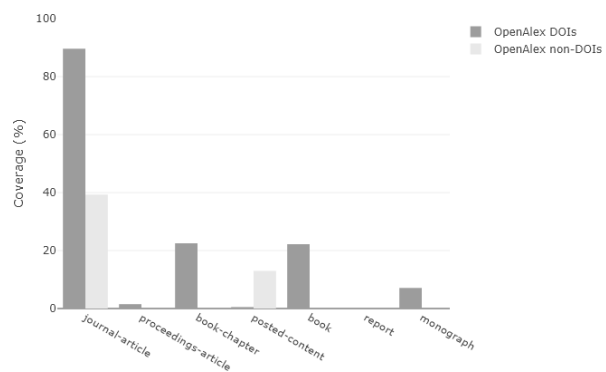


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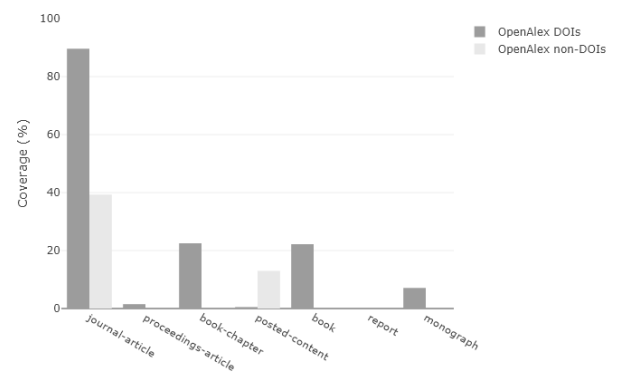


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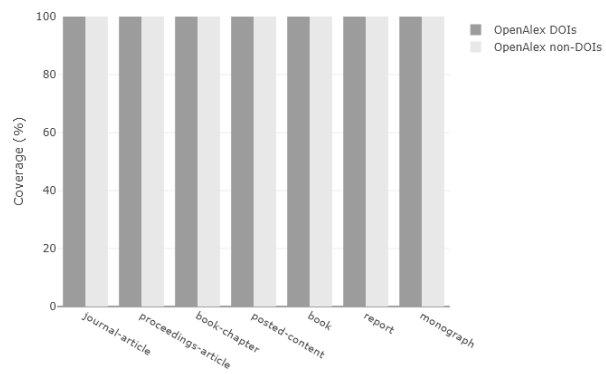


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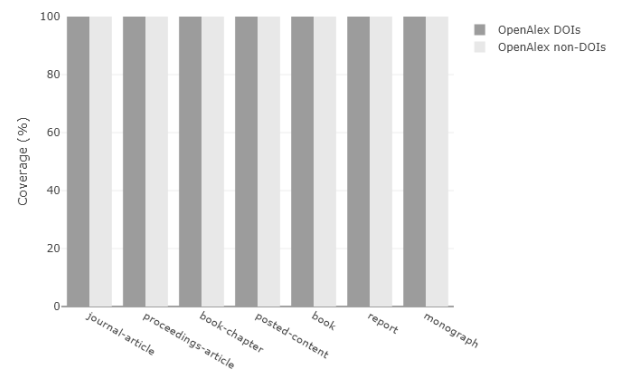


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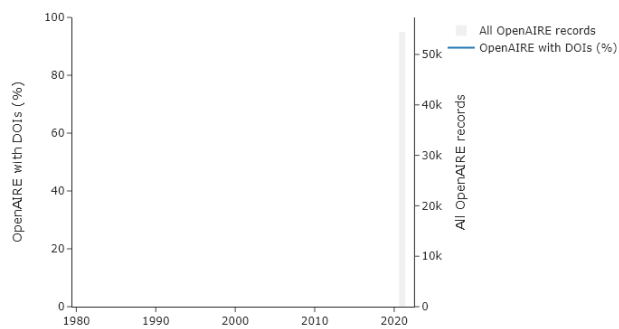


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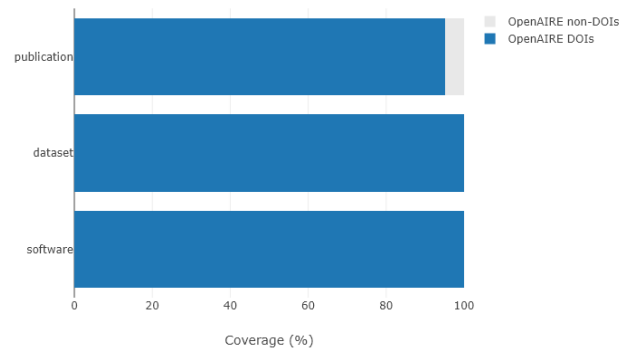
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DOIs vs non-DOIs

By year and publication type



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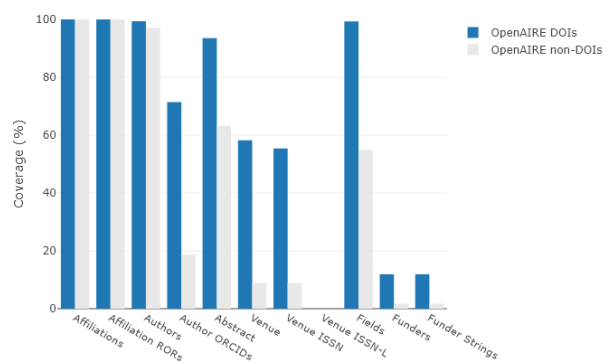


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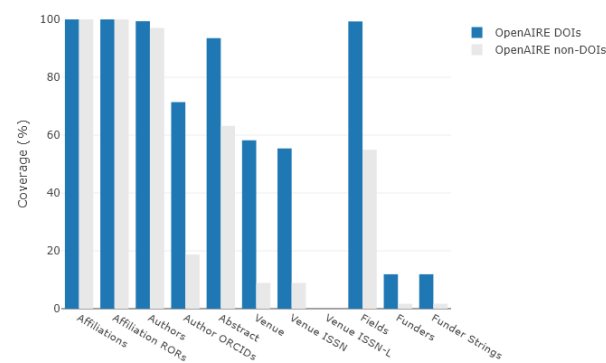
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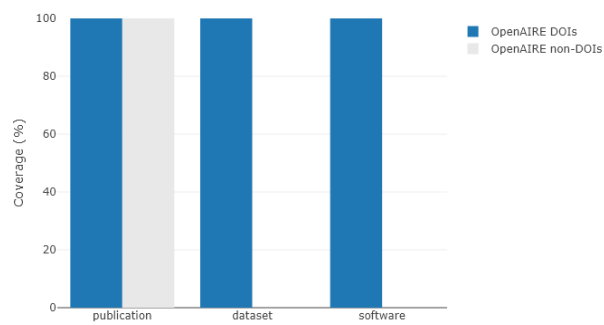


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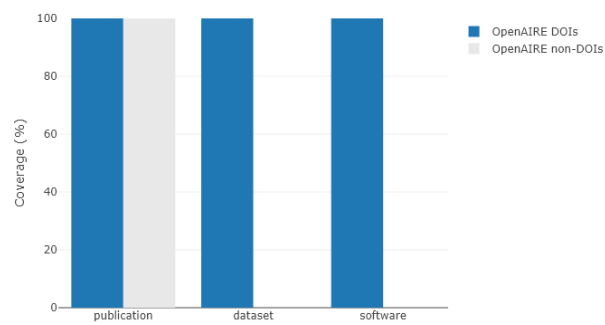
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Metadata coverage for DOIs and non-DOIs by publication type

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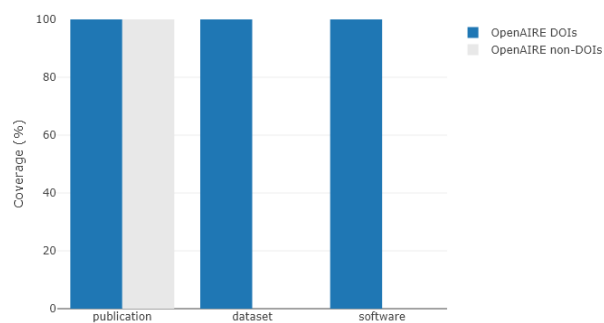


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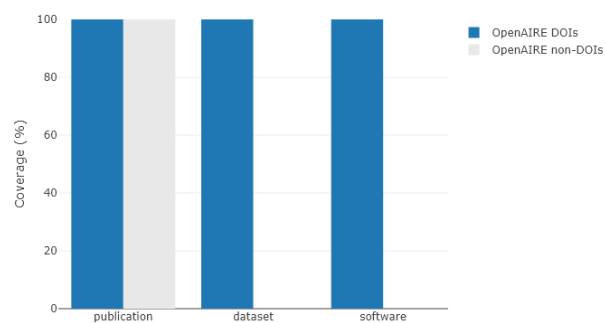


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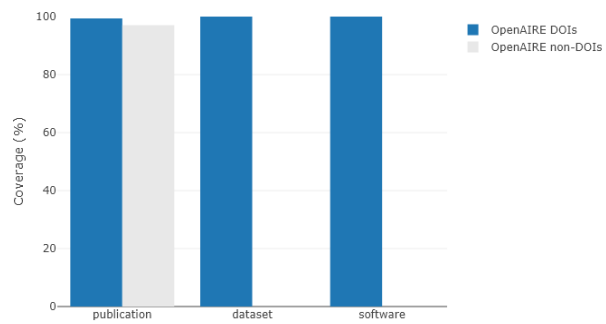


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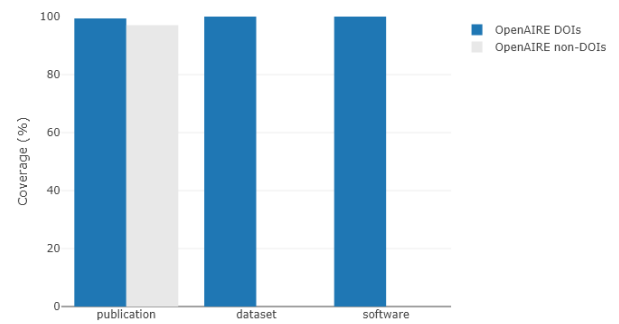


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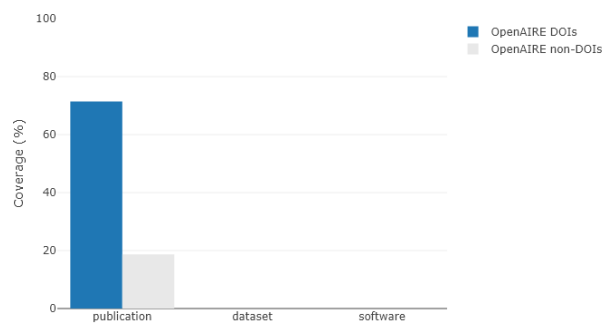


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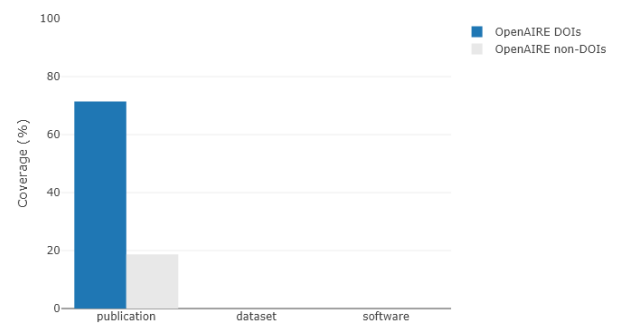


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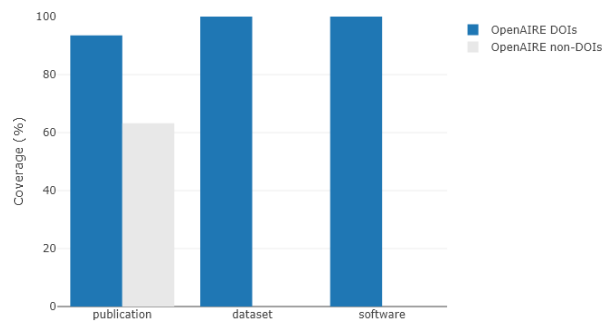


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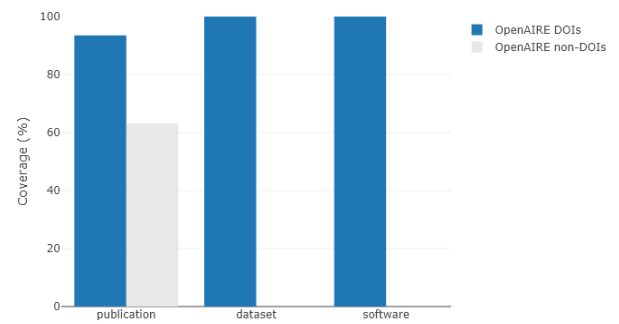


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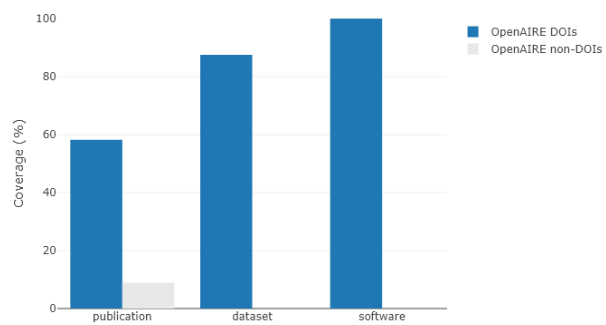


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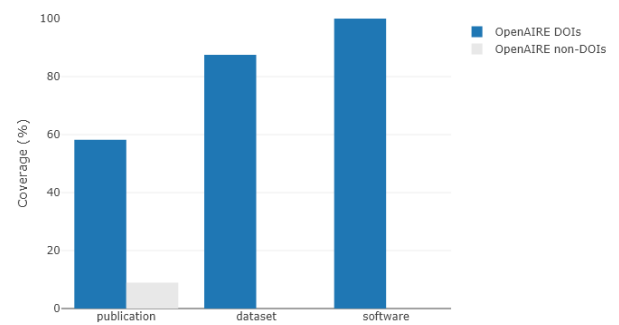


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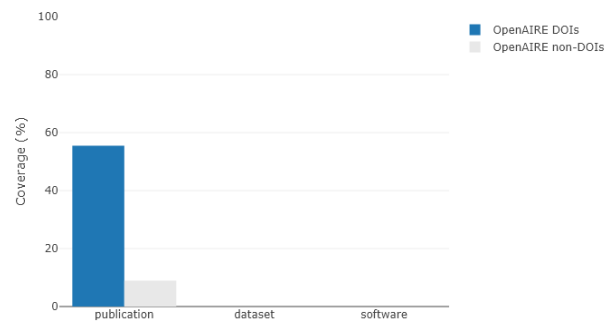


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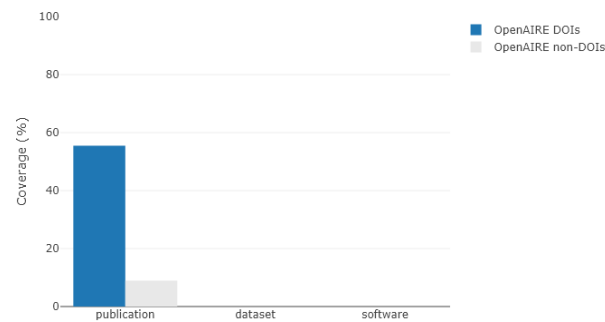


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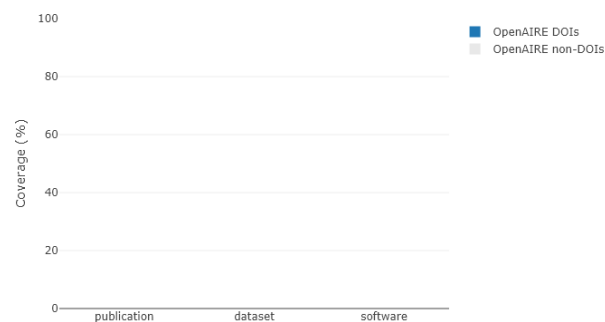


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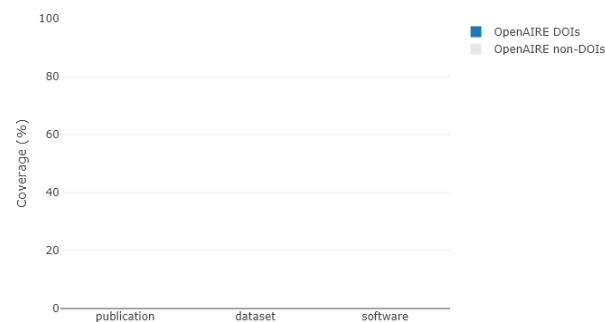


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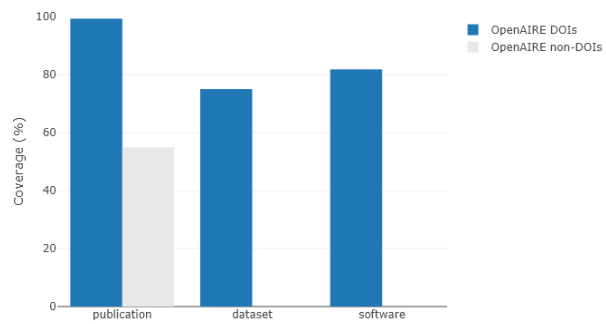


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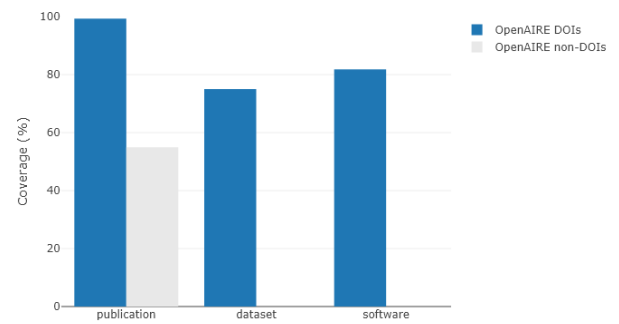


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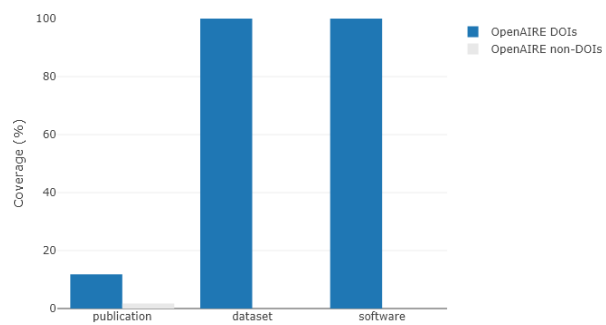


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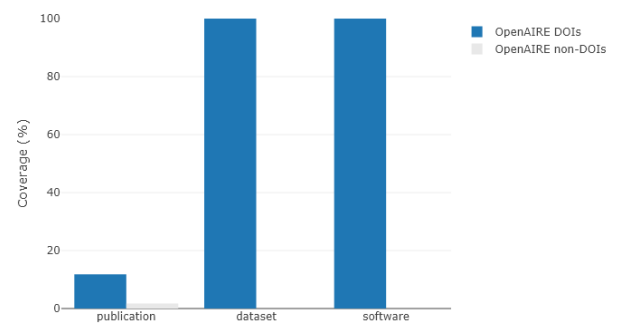


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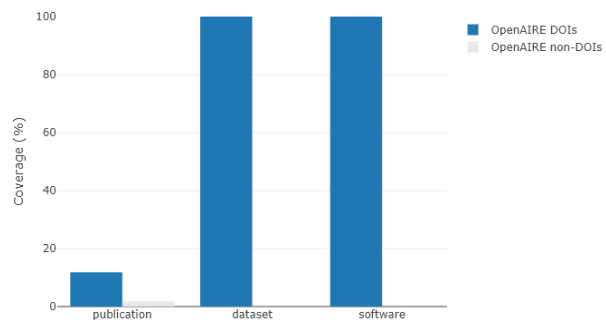


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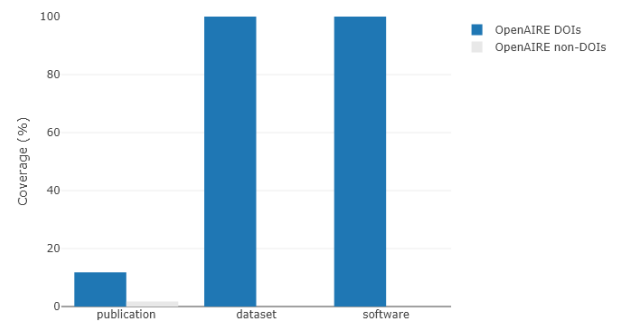


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