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*- Jeremy Freese*

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David B. Allison, Andrew W. Brown, Brandon J. George & Kathryn A. Kaiser

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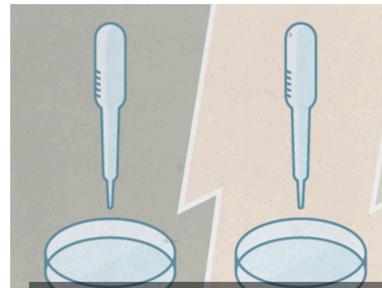
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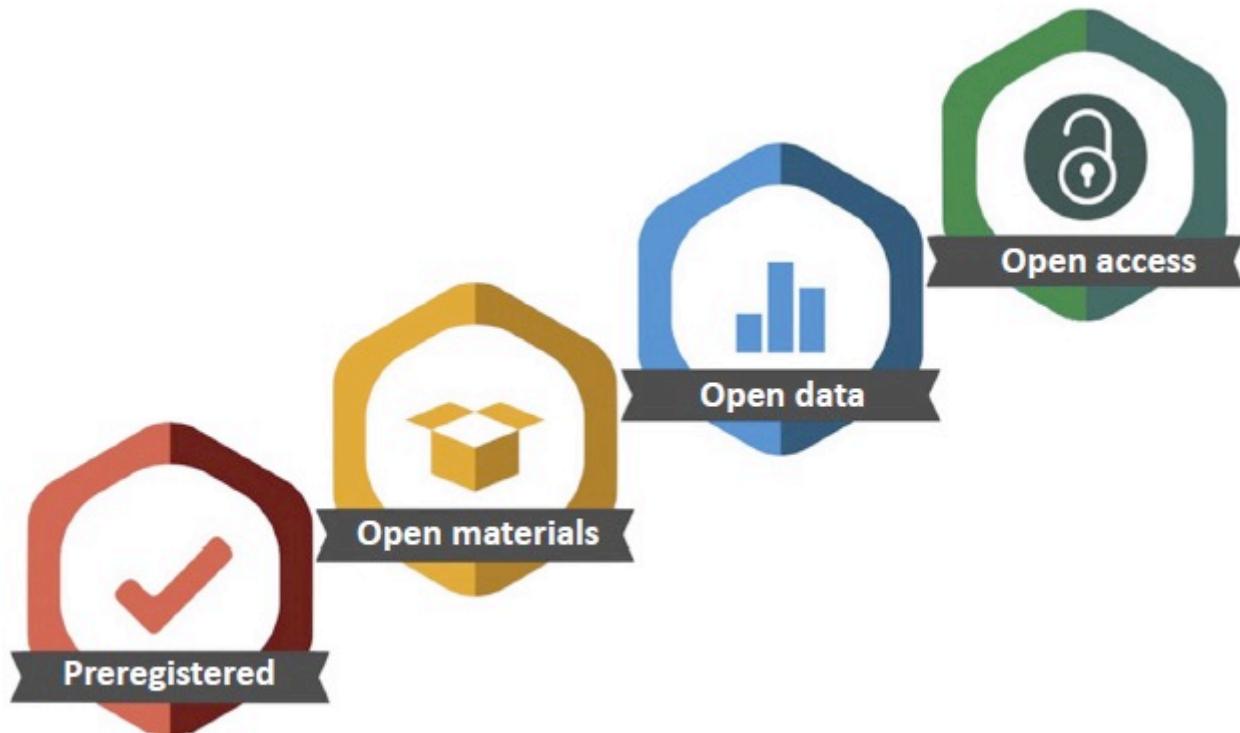
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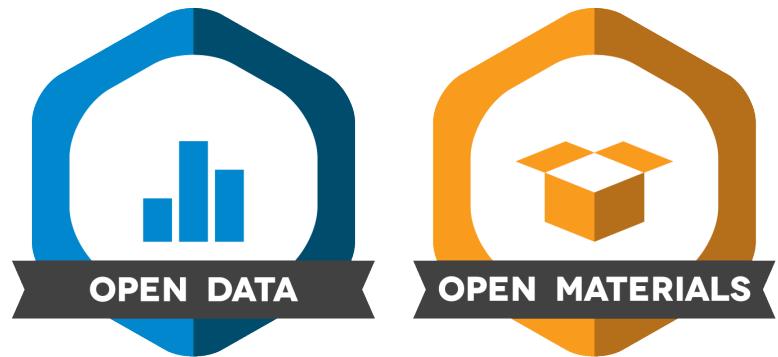
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# What are the anchors for open and reproducible science....?



Trends in Cognitive Sciences

# 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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## SOFTWARE FOCUS

## Facilitating open science practices for research syntheses: PreregRS guides preregistration

Jürgen Schneider  | Iris Backfisch | Andreas Lachner

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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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# 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

# What else does pre-registration do?

**Helps investigators calibrate confidence in findings**

**Helps to differentiate prediction from post-diction.**

# 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?

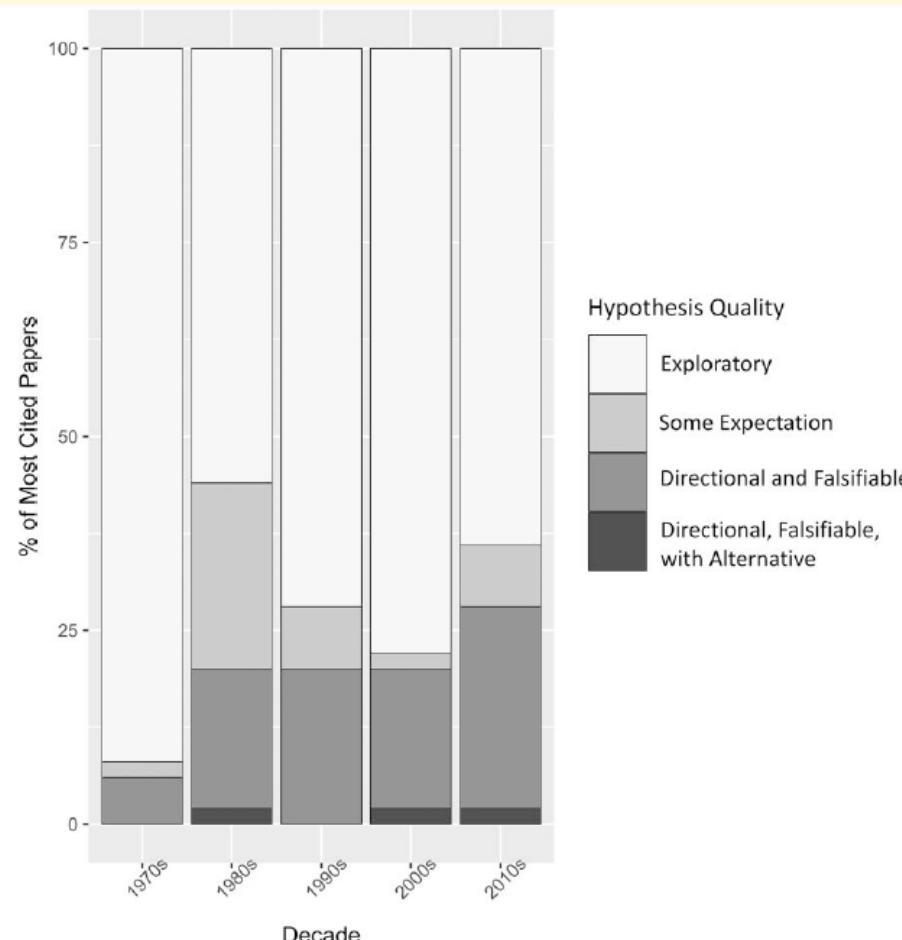
## Stage 2 Peer Review

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

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

## REVIEW ARTICLE

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



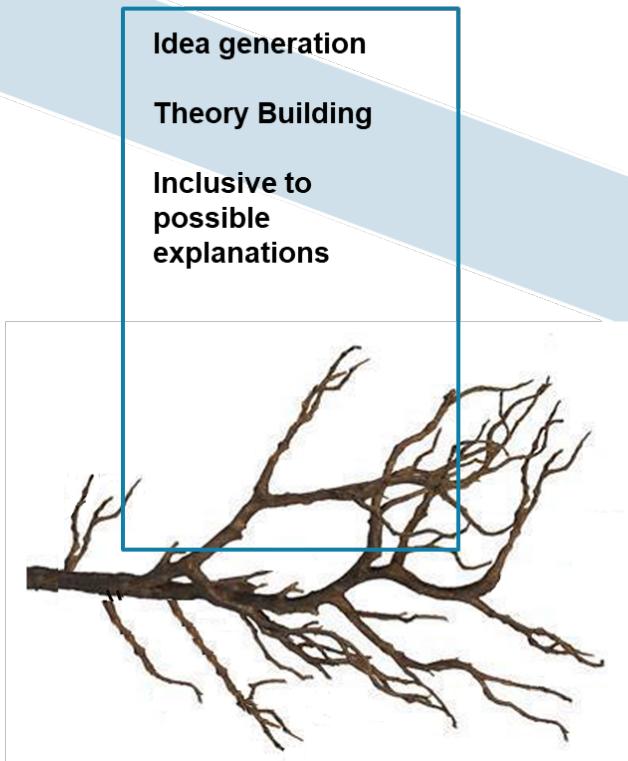
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# The problem with Science by Volume...

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).

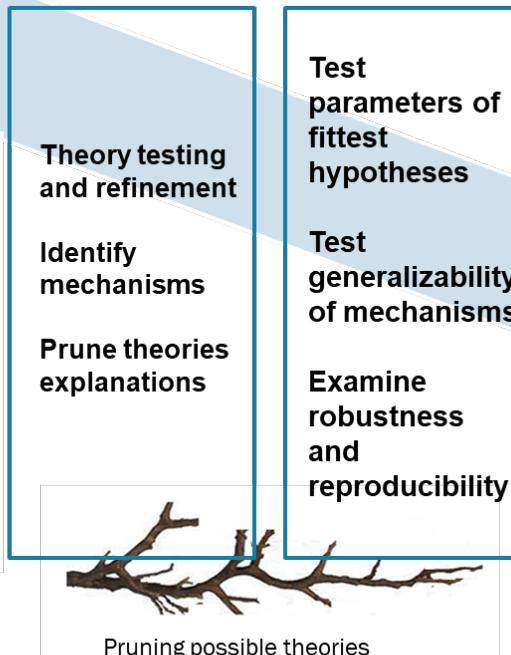
# Pre-registered hypotheses that falsify...

## Exploratory Stage

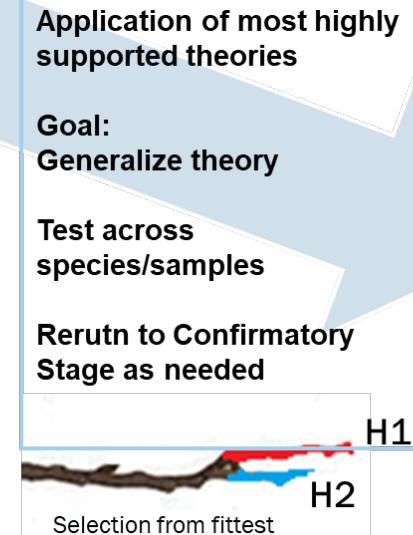


## Confirmatory Stage

Falsification      Replication



## Applied Stage





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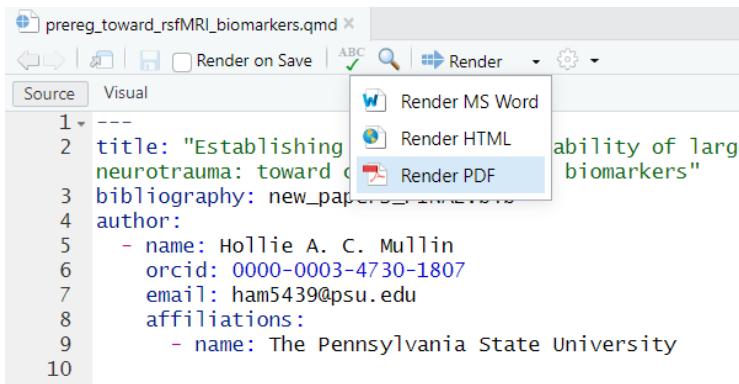
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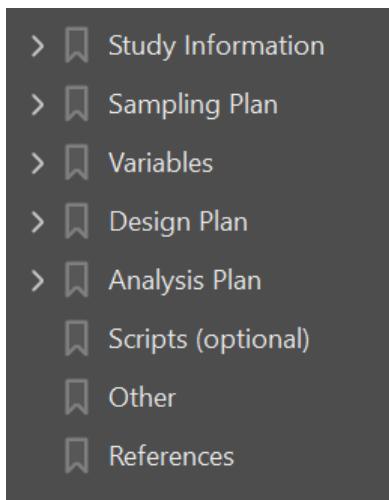
Pre-registration: where to start

# 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
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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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# More Quarto Resources

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

- 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.

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