

“Counting on Your Reputation”

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Consistent
Credible
Comparable

Winchester measure

In 1588 Queen Elizabeth I, while reforming the English weight system (*which, at the time, included no less than three different pounds going by the name "avoirdupois"*) based the new Exchequer standard on an ancient set of bronze weights found at Winchester and dating to the reign of Edward III.



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Are they comparable?



Does counting usage really matter in an increasingly open access world?

“Publisher X is a very important publishing outlet for researchers at my Medical Center. In fact we publish more papers with Publisher X than any other journal by a wide margin. I want to be able to compare Publisher X usage with all the other journals I track very carefully over the year...

... I am not happy with the Publisher X’s response that their statistics are better than COUNTER stats. That is not their decision to make. I want to compare [my university’s] usage of journals on a ***standard metric***.

Publisher X’s failure to provide COUNTER stats suggests there is something they do not want me to see.”



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Some of John's colleagues have shared with us their memories of his career, and their best wishes for his retirement

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| | 254 Views | 20 Downloads | 2 Twitter | 22 Facebook |
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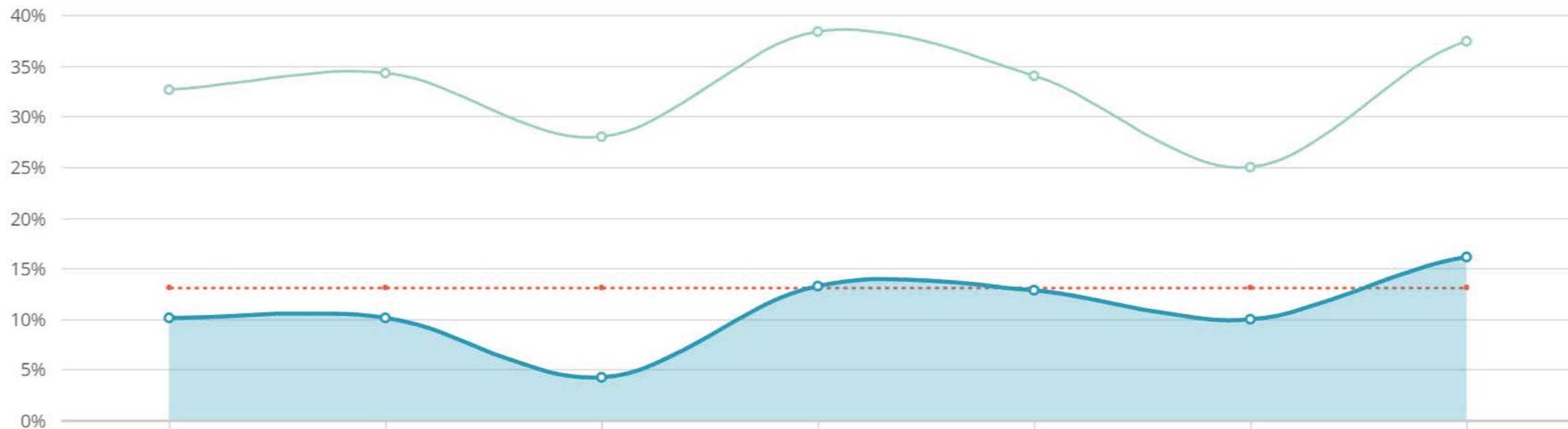


Overview

Revenue

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Open rate Click rate Industry avg. open rate





Well that depends...

They are nice to see – and I do have a look

But would put the download stats on my CY?

How does my 241 views, 20 downloads, 2 tweets and 22 “face book things” *compare* with similar articles written by my peers in other journals?

Would I report the opens and clicks to my board?

It looks good – but how is the industry average calculated and would my board members think this is *credible*?

The main findings of the review include the following:

- There is considerable scepticism among researchers, universities, representative bodies and learned societies about the broader use of metrics in research assessment and management.
- Peer review, despite its flaws, continues to command widespread support as the primary basis for evaluating research outputs, proposals and individuals. However, a significant minority are enthusiastic about greater use of metrics, provided appropriate care is taken.
- Carefully selected indicators can complement decision-making, but a 'variable geometry' of expert judgement, quantitative indicators and qualitative measures that respect research diversity will be required.
- There is legitimate concern that some indicators can be misused or 'gamed': journal imp...

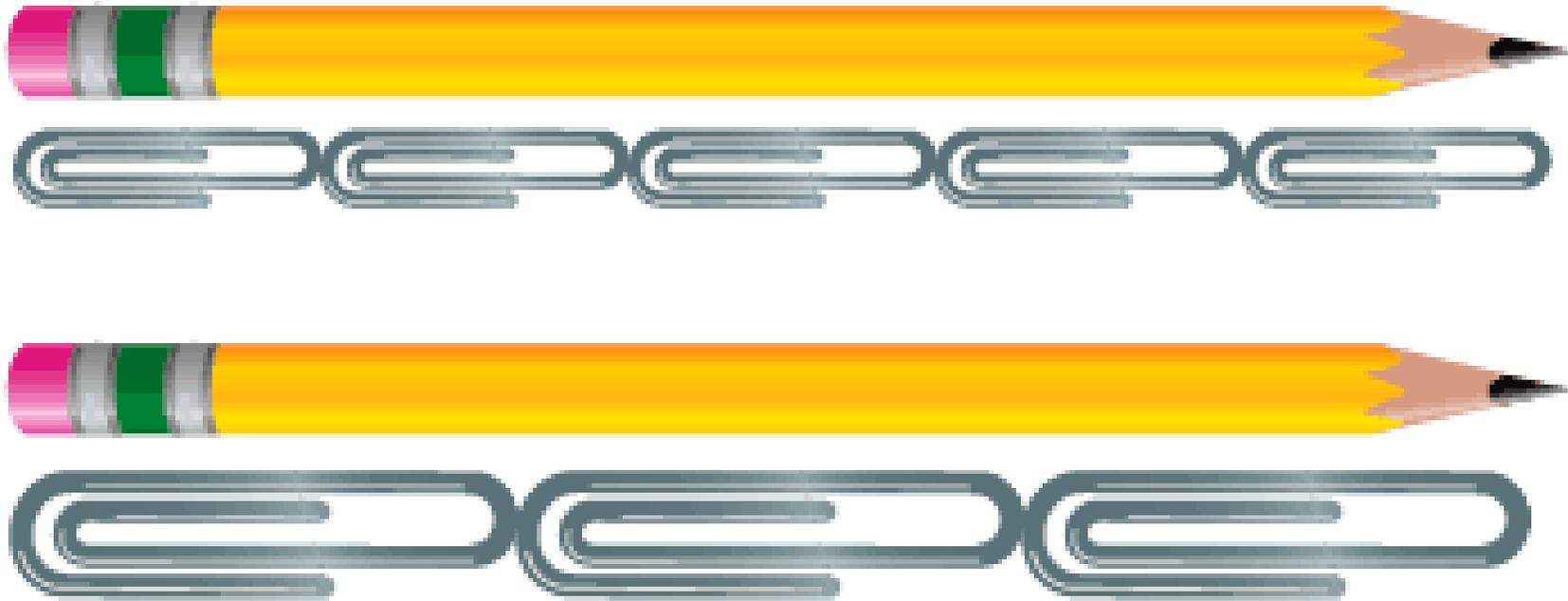
Recommendations

Call for standards and infrastructure

“A set of principles should be developed for technologies, practices and cultures that can support open, ***trustworthy*** research information management”

“Publishers should also make available a range of ***article-level metrics*** to encourage a shift toward assessment based on the academic quality of an article rather than JIFs. (Publishers)”

If we don't want to count
reputation like this



We need these....

STANDARDS