

The researchers' attitudes towards open access publishing

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Background and scientific discipline

- Epidemiology – basic research for public health and prevention, mechanistic understanding of disease development
- Participate in:
 - Norwegian Women and Cancer study – NOWAC – ERC
 - European Prospective Investigation into Nutrition and Cancer – EPIC
 - Consortium of cohorts – NIH
 - International Cancer Genome Consortium – breast cancer
 - Nordic Centre in Nutritional Research - HELGA
 - Centre of Sami Health Research – the indigenous Norwegian people
 - Oxford Collaborative Group on Hormones and Breast cancer
 - The Norwegian – Russian health group for the border area

Why high ambitious researchers go for high ranked journals with closed access

For:

- Prestige as for winners
- Ambitions
- Incentives
- The most interesting results sent to ...
- Colleagues
- Commentaries
- Applications; your ten most
- The journals help with press releases to reach the public

Against:

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The predominant research of ph.d students and
researchers

Pre: rapid in open access
longer articles

Against:
the cost

The rating?

Collaboration with developing countries

Pre:

- Often the only option to reach collaborators: Russia, indigenous people
- Against: cost for the collaborators

Which future?

- Researchers care little about copyright – there is nothing in it for me so why be concerned?
- The cost is moved to the researcher!
- Will information and results published open access be more widely spread?
- Will open access be more open to new ideas?
- Can we think of scientific Facebooks non reviewed or post publication reviewed?