Who Needs Access to Research? The Case of Pharmaceutical Industry

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OA Usage beyond Academia

- Qualifying the assumption that making research articles openly accessible to everyone will have an impact beyond academia
- This kind of "spillover" is usually cited in policies advocating Open Access
- Very little (mainly anecdotal evidence) is available so far:
 - "Likewise, almost no studies have evaluated whether free access to the scientific literature has had an impact on the use of scientific information in non-research contexts such as teaching, medical practice, industry, and government." Davis et. al. (2011).

Pharmaceutical Industry

- Science-intensive
- Small companies suffer
- Several data sources available for industry
- "One cannot expect high productivity from the smaller emerging companies that collectively suffer from an inability to afford access to reports describing new discoveries in the biomedical sciences." Lyman (2011)

Hypotheses

- Main Hypothesis:
 - Smaller firms utilize OA articles more than large firms
- Control Parameters:
 - As more OA articles become available, firms use more of them.
 - The ratio of non-OA articles cited by patents is higher when the patent is co-owned with a university.
 - The ratio of OA articles cited by patents is higher if the company collaborates with other companies (owner/partner)
 - The ratio of OA articles cited by patents is higher if the patented technology is not pharmaceutical

Data Sources



Company information and business intelligence



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Methodology

- 1. Collecting company financial data (those with A61K patents)
- 2. Matching patent data (grant date, collaborators, NPL citations)
- 3. Matching patent years with OA movement indicators
- 4. Running a Linear Regression to test hypotheses
- 5. Identifying patterns in company's access to scientific literature

Patent FrontPage

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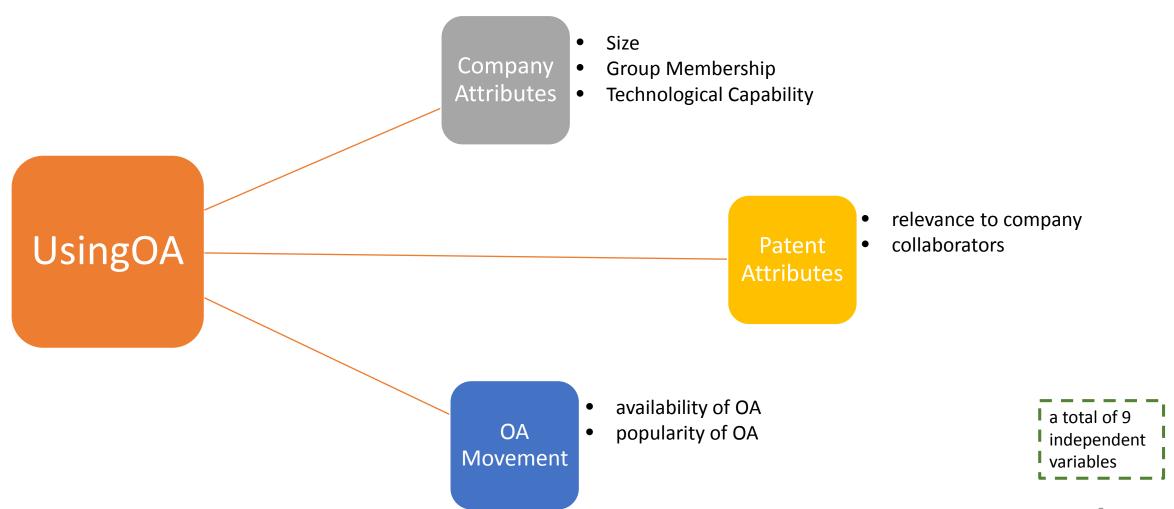
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Non-Patent Literature

(NPL)

- journal articles
- search reports
- GeneBank records
- Company reports
- etc.

Regression Variables

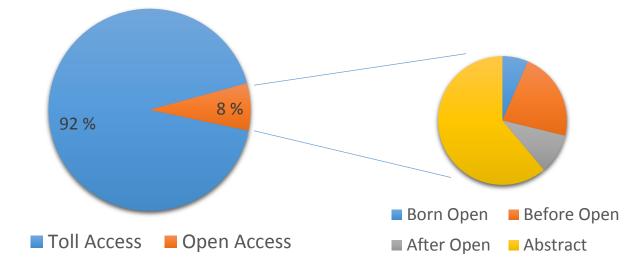


Operational Definitions

Variable of Interest	Corresponding Indicator
Using Open Access	citations to OA journals / all journals in non-patent citations
Company Size	turnover in USD (1 year before patent grant)
Company Size	number of employees (1 year before patent grant)
Company Technological Capability	total number of patent <u>documents</u> affiliated with the company
Patent Relevance	whether the patent is classified under A61, C07,C08,C12 (CPC)
University Collaborator	whether the company co-owns the patent with a university
Company Collaborator	whether the company co-owns the patent with another company
OA Availability	total number of DOAJ-listed journals (1 year before patent grant)
OA Awareness	total number of ROARMAP-listed OA mandates (1 year before patent grant)

Results (general)

Description	Company Count	Patent Count	Citation Count
All US Pharmaceutical Companies (excluding "very large")	1447	13534	
with US-registered patents between 2006 & 2015	654	9221	
with matching financial data (1 year before patent grant)	354	1104	39037
that cite academic journals	280	825	28694
that cite Open Access journals	193	483	2177



Results (regression)

	Coefficients	Standard Error	P-value
Intercept	0.079528052	0.025225871	0.001677255
TurnoverUSDk	2.2716E-07	2.51463E-07	0.366604681
EmployeeCount	-8.57876E-05	4.55324E-05	0.059906983
GroupMember	0.003140609	0.033034095	0.924281221
RelatedClass	-0.001255594	0.020145863	0.950319173
PatentCount	-1.99357E-05	3.66052E-05	0.586167188
UnivCollab	-0.066499863	0.025620465	0.009613161
CompCollab	0.047283091	0.030029228	0.115744051
DOAJ	3.86958E-06	1.17576E-05	0.742155218
ROARMAP	3.30392E-05	0.000169614	0.845605189

Regression St	tatistics	
Multiple R	0.150487186	
R Square	0.022646393	
Adjusted R Square	0.011853531	Dependent Variable
Standard Error	0.167804525	OA Ratio = OA Count / Total Journal Count
Observations	825	•

	Coefficients	Standard Error	P-value
Intercept	0.754997	1.073173	0.481933
TurnoverUSDk	-3.5E-06	1.07E-05	0.745808
EmployeeCount	-0.00121	0.001937	0.533298
GroupMember	-1.47545	1.405354	0.294087
RelatedClass	0.893461	0.857056	0.2975
PatentCount	-0.00203	0.001557	0.192006
UnivCollab	-0.79038	1.08996	0.46857
CompCollab	0.272973	1.27752	0.830855
DOAJ	0.000332	0.0005	0.506531
ROARMAP	0.000828	0.007216	0.908621

Regression Statistics			
Multiple R	0.144167		
R Square	0.020784		
Adjusted R Square	0.009971		
Standard Error	7.138832		
Observations	825		

Dependent Variable
OA Count

Results (regression, OA only)

	Coefficients	Standard Error	P-value
Intercept	0.303528	0.04541	6.55E-11
TurnoverUSDk	2.21E-07	3.62E-07	0.540544
EmployeeCount	-0.00013	6.69E-05	0.04881
GroupMember	0.049552	0.052425	0.345042
RelatedClass	-0.1439	0.038112	0.00018
PatentCount	1.52E-05	7.17E-05	0.832727
UnivCollab	-0.10512	0.038645	0.006767
CompCollab	0.08597	0.043991	0.051258
DOAJ	2.77E-05	1.91E-05	0.14808
ROARMAP	-0.00033	0.000282	0.23778

	Coefficients	Standard Error	P-value
Intercept	5.31197	2.115285	0.012363
TurnoverUSDk	-6.6E-06	1.68E-05	0.694977
EmployeeCount	-0.00184	0.003115	0.555868
GroupMember	-1.4023	2.442073	0.566089
RelatedClass	-1.64438	1.775337	0.354795
PatentCount	-0.00432	0.003342	0.196581
UnivCollab	-1.04411	1.800157	0.562182
CompCollab	0.494459	2.049197	0.809432
DOAJ	0.000966	0.00089	0.278144
ROARMAP	-0.00734	0.013133	0.576376

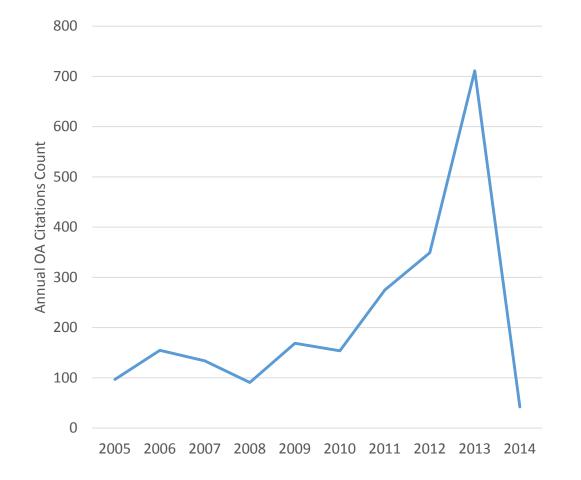
Regression Statistics		
Multiple R	0.266549	
R Square	0.071048	
Adjusted R Square	0.053373	
Adjusted R Square Standard Error	0.053373 0.190322	

Dependent Variable
OA Ratio = OA Count / Total Journal Count

Regression Statistics		
Multiple R	0.174752	
R Square	0.030538	
Adjusted R Square	0.012092	
Standard Error	8.865642	
	0.000012	

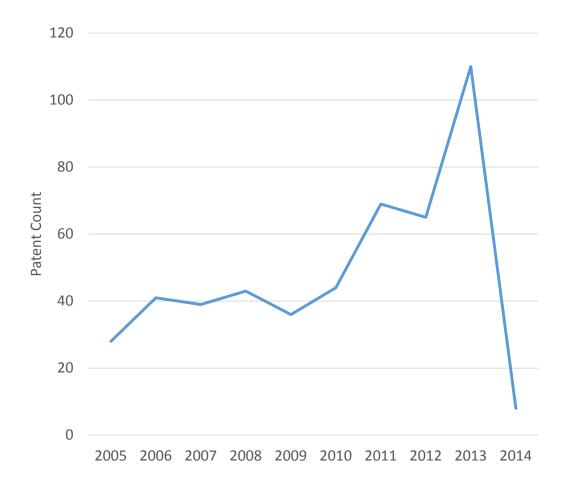
Dependent Variable OA Count

Number of Citations to OA Journals



- Average annual increase of 38%
- Compared to 16% for Journal citations in general

Number of Patents Citing OA Journals



- Average annual increase of 22%
- Compared to 15% for patents citing journals in general

Discussion

- Underestimation due to disregarding green & hybrid OA
- relative short age of OA journals
- OA journals gaining ground in patent citations
- sample bias to companies with financial data
- importance of abstracts for patents / need for more OA

Options for Future Research

- suggestions for further manipulation??
- including hybrid & green OA
- focus on later years only
- matching with PubMed Central records

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