

Reproducibility in the Article of the Future



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What is needed for effective reproduction of research results?

A pragmatic* check-list:

1. Access to materials that underpin the results, such as primary data and methods (including computer code)
2. Unambiguous reference to resources and experimental conditions
3. Provenance: a clear and unambiguous description of the full research chain, all the way from primary data to results
4. All of this made available to peer researchers in a way that's understandable and actionable!



*) For a thorough introduction in the subject, see e.g. “What is Reproducibility” by Prof. Carole Goble

How does CI help reproducibility?

1. Access to research material

Content Innovation “data visualization” features give readers access to materials (notably data and code) that are not traditionally included in the article – even though they are an important part of the research carried out and are often needed to reproduce results.

- **Data:** CI data viewers; including 3D viewers, interactive plots, Virtual Microscope, etc. – provide readers access to research data underpinning a publication
- **Computer code:** The R-code viewer, Inline Supplementary Material – provide readers access to computer code that was used as a method to obtain results reported in a paper
- **Multimedia:** Videos on ScienceDirect (though not technically a CI feature) may contain details of a procedure or represent actual data



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Inline Supplementary Computer Code S1

Inline Supplementary Computer Code S2

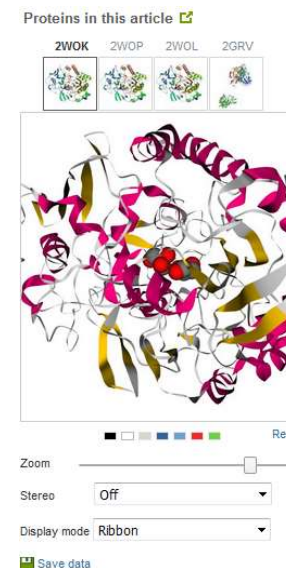
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prefix bnode <http://openprovenance.org/provtoolbox/bnode/>
prefix xsd <http://www.w3.org/2001/XMLSchema>
prefix ex <http://www.example.org/#>
prefix rdf <http://www.w3.org/1999/02/22-rdf-syntax-ns#>
activity(ex:publish,-)
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How does CI help reproducibility?

2. Unambiguous reference

A number of Content Innovation “context and reference” features are based on codes or accession numbers in the article that describe an entity or resource without any ambiguity – this in contrast to colloquial terms or product names that can mean different things. See also *“Minimal Data Standards for neuroscience articles: Resource Identification Initiative”*

(An additional benefit is that proper tagging of such codes makes it easier to search across articles).



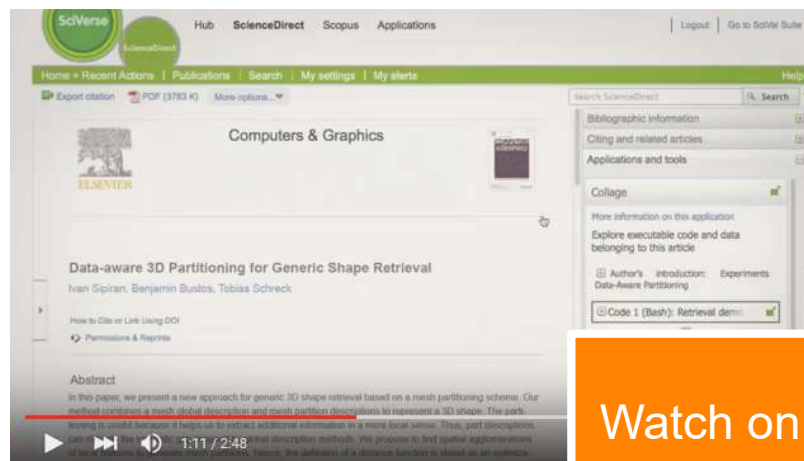
Content Innovation	Code / accession number scheme	What do they identify?
Antibody Data Viewer	AntibodyRegistry or RRID resource identifiers	Antibodies
Genome Viewer	Genbank accession numbers	Genes
Gene Expression Omnibus App	GEO accession numbers	Genes and more
Protein Viewer	Protein Data Bank accession numbers	Proteins
PubChem	PubChem codes for chemical compounds	Chemical compounds
Arabidopsis Genome Viewer	TAIR genome codes	Genes

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3. Provenance

Or: how does all that code and data fit together?

- **R-code viewer:** This viewer does not only show the R-code, but also the underlying data – and describes how the code depends on the data.
- **The Executable Paper:** A pilot project (now stopped) to capture the entire computation chain, including code and data, in a fully re-executable way with the article.
- **Quod next?**



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How does CI help reproducibility?

4. Make it all understandable & actionable

Supplementary 3D models

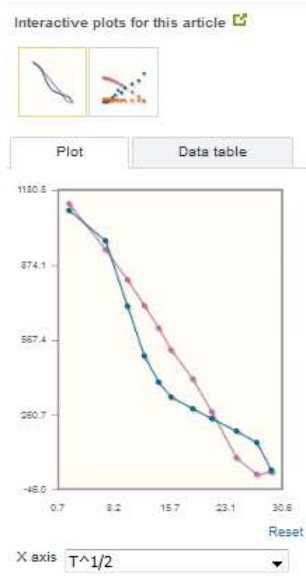
You can zoom, rotate and pan this 3D reconstruction

Rotate [Color Swatches] Reset

Zoom [Slider]

Stereo

Save data



Code files for this article

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Most data and code viewers give reader access to the material for download – so they can easily use it for **further analysis or re-do some of the work** reporting in the paper

Data viewers (such as the 3D viewers) enable readers to inspect data in detail and **build a better understanding**

Annex

Slides for selected CI's



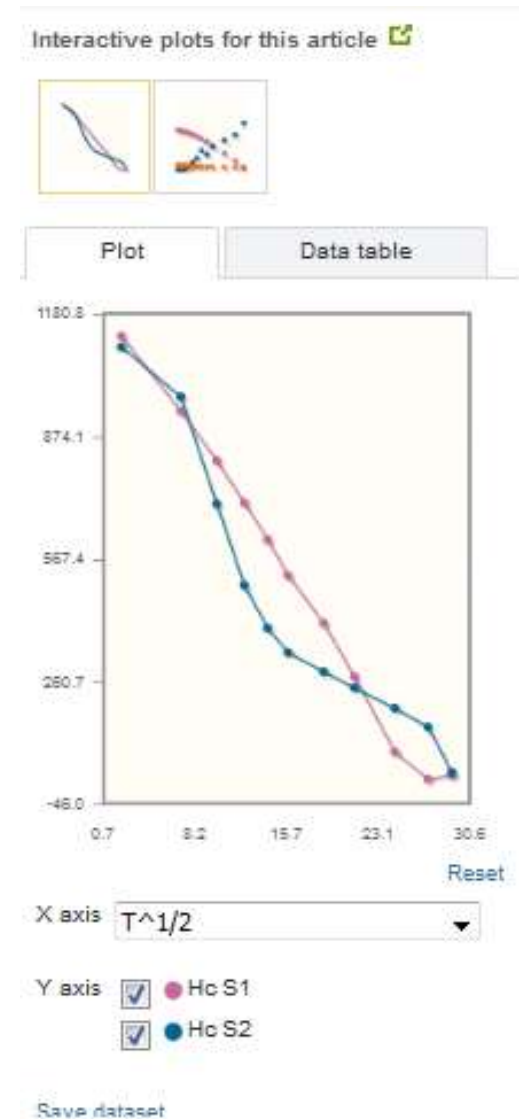
Interactive Plot Viewer

Sharing data, bringing plots to life

- Making available the valuable data that is now often “buried” in plot images.
- Readers can inspect and interact with data right from within the article, building additional insights into the work presented
- Facilitates re-use and reproducibility of research results

How?

- Authors are invited to submit data underlying plots as a supplementary CSV file
- The CSV file is displayed as an interactive plot next to the article



More info: <http://www.elsevier.com/books-and-journals/content-innovation/iplots>

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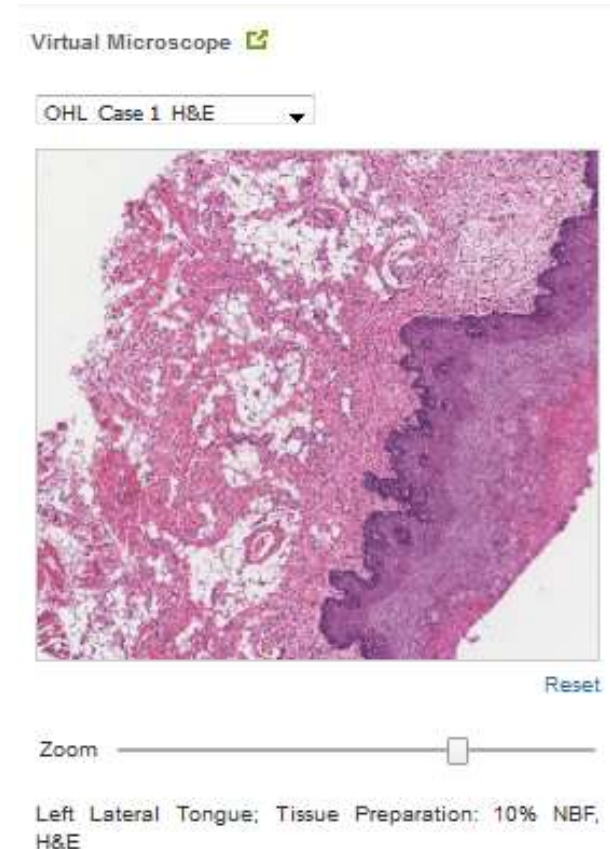
Virtual Microscope

High-resolution slide imagery at your fingertips

- Including whole slide samples right with the online article
- Readers can see the slide as a whole, or zoom in up to 40x magnification to inspect details in any region

How?

- Authors are invited to upload digital slides with their publication (scanning services for physical slides available)
- All slides are pre-processed for optimal viewing on both desktop and mobile devices



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3D Model Viewers

Letting 3D come to life

- Bringing 3D material to life in an intuitive yet powerful way
- Readers can use standard 3D controls like rotate and zoom, and change visualization styles

How?

- Authors are invited to upload 3D models using a variety of formats
- Depending on the format, the most appropriate visualization style is chosen (including “fly-through” virtual environments)
- Fully supported on mobile devices

Supplementary 3D models 



More info: <http://www.elsevier.com/books-and-journals/content-innovation/3d-modeling>
Example article: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2212054813000027>

R-code viewer









Making research truly reproducible

- Displaying computer code in the 'R' language, together with related data files
- Readers can see summary of all code and data used in the article, and inspect the code in details using syntax highlighting
- Supports format-preserving copy-and-paste of code, and download for all code and data files

How?

- Authors are invited to upload 'R' code files and related data (in any format) as a supplementary ZIP file

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Inline Supplementary Material

Presenting supplementary material at the right place in the right context

- Displaying supplementary material at the right place in the article
- Readers will see an expandable text box that gives access to the supplementary material in the appropriate context
- Supports supplementary images, tables, and computer code

How?

- Authors are invited to upload supplementary material with their article, and indicate where it should be placed in the manuscript

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activity(ex:publish,-,-)
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Antibody Data

Connecting and disambiguating antibodies

- Presenting relevant information about antibodies mentioned in the article
- Readers see a list of relevant antibodies with key information and links to the Neuroscience Information Framework (NIF) for further details.
- Helps drive proper resource identification standards

How?

- Authors are invited to tag antibodies in their article (e.g. “AntibodyRegistry: AB_177645”)
- Relevant antibody data is displayed next to the article, using data from NIF Antibody Registry
- In collaboration with NIF and Force11 “Resource Identification Initiative”

Antibody data for this article

[-] Anti-Huntingtin Protein, clone mEM48 antibody

Antibody ID	AB_177645
Antibody Target	Huntingtin Protein clone mEM48
Vendor	EMD Millipore
Catalog Num	MAB5374
Clonality	monoclonal antibody
Source Organism	mouse

[+] Anti-NeuN, clone A60 antibody

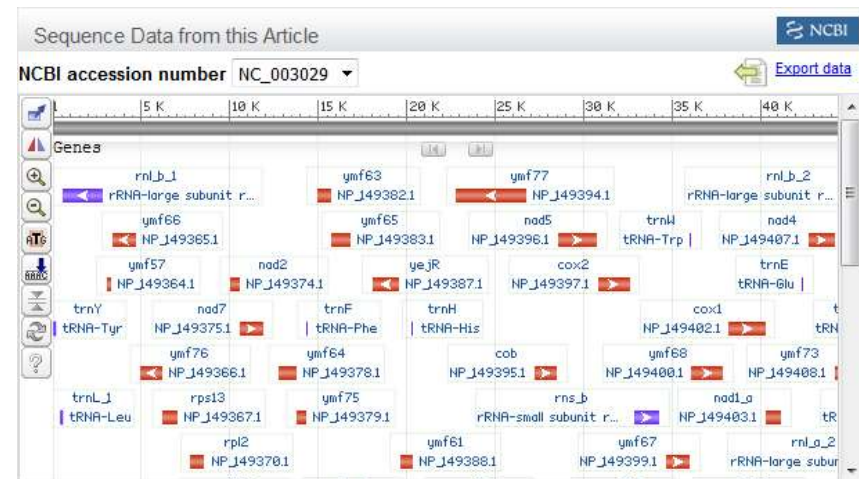


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Example article: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0969996114002526>

Genome Viewer

Connecting the article with a wealth of genomics data

- Showing sequence data for relevant genes mentioned in the article
- Readers can view, inspect and analyze gene sequence data – zoom, flip strands, find a specific location, and more
- Deep-links to NCBI for further data



How?

- Authors are invited to tag Genbank accession numbers in their article (e.g. “Genbank: NC_003029”)
- Genome Viewer is displayed within the article, using data from NCBI for author-tagged genes
- In collaboration with the [NCBI Sequence Viewer](https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sequence-viewer/) team

More info: <https://www.elsevier.com/books-and-journals/content-innovation/genome-viewer>

Example article: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0378111911000941>

Gene Expression Omnibus (GEO) App

Connecting the article with a wealth of functional genomics data

- Presenting information about genes and other GEO (Gene Expression Omnibus) entities mentioned in the article
- Readers see a summary overview for each GEO entity, with deep-links for further detail and data.

How?

- Authors are invited to use GEO identifiers for genes and other entities in their article (e.g. “GEO: GPL570”)
- Developed in collaboration with NCBI

GEO data referred to in this article

Platform (1) Sample (0) Series (2)

GEO entity:

Platform GPL570

Status: public on Nov 07, 2003

Title: [HG-U133_Plus_2] Affymetrix Human Genome U133 Plus 2.0 Array

Technology type: in situ oligonucleotide

Organism: Homo sapiens



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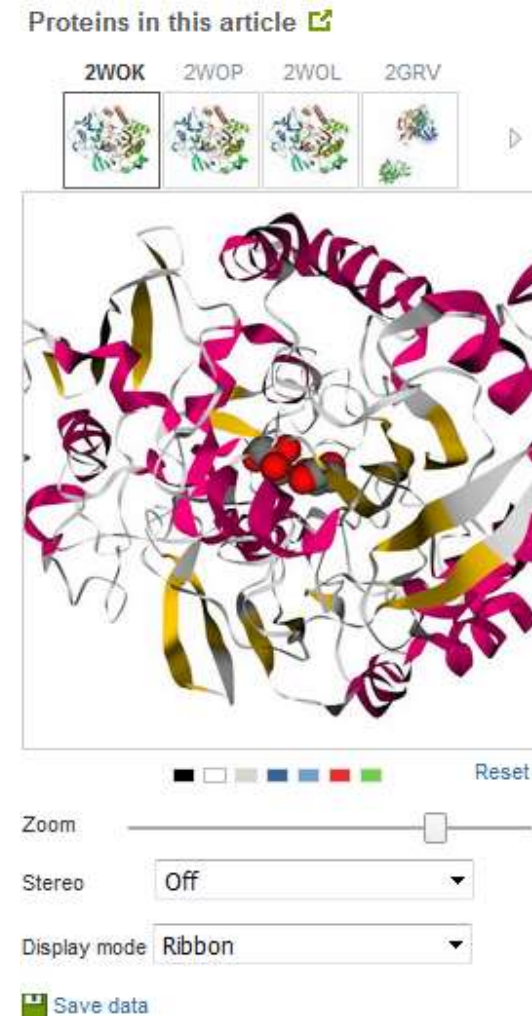
Protein Viewer

Live 3D structures from the Protein Data Bank

- Displaying 3D structures for the articles most relevant proteins
- Readers can explore 3D structure properties using zoom & rotate, and change visualization settings as desired

How?

- Authors are invited to tag Protein Data Bank (PDB) accession numbers in their article (e.g. “PDB: 2WOK”)
- Protein Viewer is displayed next to the article, using data from PDB for author-tagged proteins
- In collaboration with PDB



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Example article: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0022283609014399>

PubChem Compound Viewer

Connecting chemistry, biology, and pharma

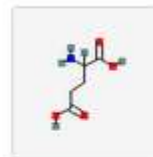
- Connecting the article to NCBI PubChem Compound database that provides information on the biological activities of small molecules
- Readers see a short summary overview for every compound, with links to PubChem for further information

How?

- Authors are invited to include relevant PubChem identifiers in a section “Chemical compounds studied in this article”

Studied compounds

Glutamic acid ▼



PubChem CID :611

Molecular Weight: 147.12926

Molecular Formula: C₅H₉NO₄

IUPAC name: 2-aminopentanedioic acid

InChIKey: WHUUTDBJXJRKMK-UHFFFAOYSA-N

PubChem

More info: <http://www.elsevier.com/books-and-journals/content-innovation/pubchem>

Example article: <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0168365913002101>

TAIR Arabidopsis Data Viewer

Connecting with a world of Arabidopsis genetic data

- Presenting key information about Arabidopsis loci mentioned in the article
- Readers see a summary overview for each locus, with deep-links to The Arabidopsis Information Resource (TAIR) for further detail

How?

- Authors are invited to use TAIR identifiers for Arabidopsis loci in their article (e.g. “TAIR: At3g17690”)
- In collaboration with TAIR

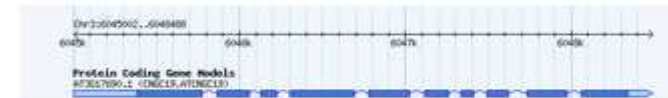
TAIR Arabidopsis

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Locus

Details Occurrences (1)

Member of cyclic nucleotide-gated channel family



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Other names

ATCNGC19, CNGC19, CYCLIC NUCLEOTIDE GATED CHANNEL 19, CYCLIC NUCLEOTIDE-GATED CHANNEL 19

Powered by TAIR



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