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JF-Plan S Survey

The survey consisted of two questions:

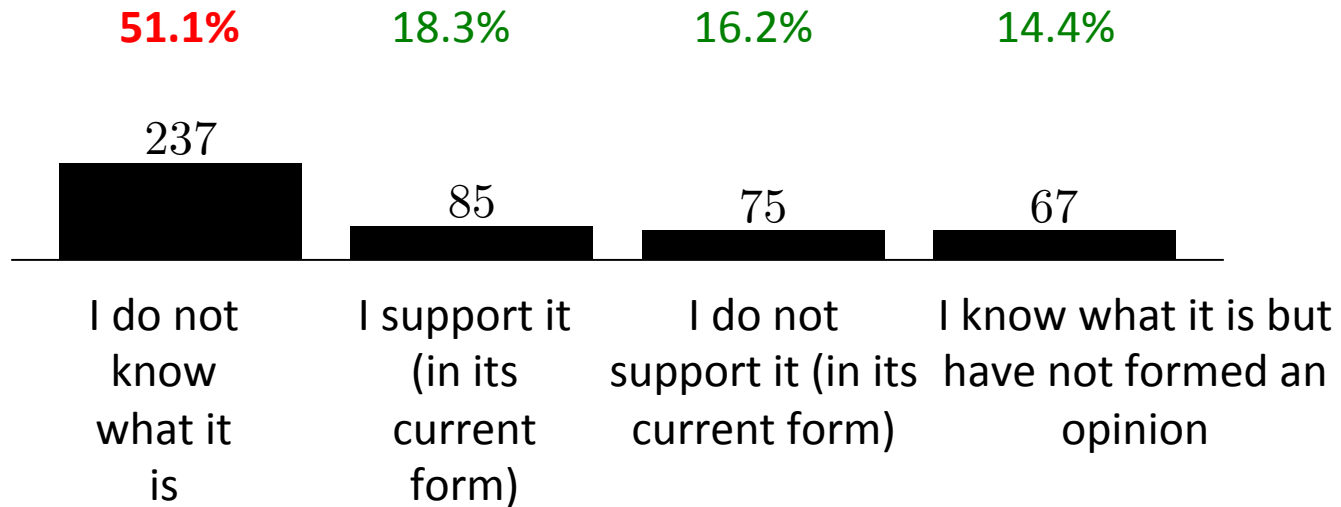
1. What is your opinion on Plan S?
 - I do not know what it is
 - I support it (in its current form)
 - I do not support it (in its current form)
 - I know what it is but have not formed an opinion
2. Any comments? (optional)



Plan S Survey-Results

We had a 23% response rate (464 of approximately 2000)

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Plan S Comments

A total of 87 respondents (18.8%) left a comment.

A large number of respondents expressed support for the idea of Open Access, but many of them have concerns about the implementation of Plan S.



Plan S Comments- Concerns raised

- Many of the most prestigious journals will be excluded from the list of acceptable journals (e.g. Nature, Science, Cell, Lancet).
- Plan S will hit early career researchers who do not yet have tenure the hardest.
- Plan S may weaken European competition relative to countries that do not implement Plan S, because Plan S disables European researchers from publishing in the most visible journals.
- Plan S may have negative consequences for international collaborations – researchers outside Europe might choose to avoid collaborating with people who are not allowed to publish in prestigious journals.



Plan S Comments- Concerns raised

- Plan S is problematic for researchers with tight funding, it is unclear how publication fees will be covered.
- Plan S may stimulate OA journals to increase their fees.
- Plan S may lead to more predatory journals as there will be no incentive for the journals to assess research quality.
- Plan S will make Europe less attractive to PhD students and postdocs.
- The idea of Plan S is sound, but the implementation is too rushed.
- **Many would like to get more information on what Plan S is.**



Plan S Post-Survey Actions

- JF wrote a letter to the Vice-Chancellor to inform on the awareness and support of the PlanS among the junior researchers at Uppsala University.
- JF also wrote a letter summarising the results of the survey and the researchers concerns to CoalitionS