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What can journals do to improve research reporting?

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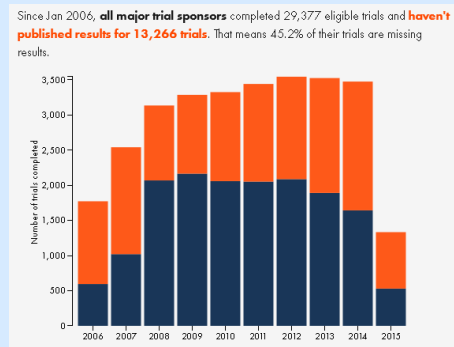
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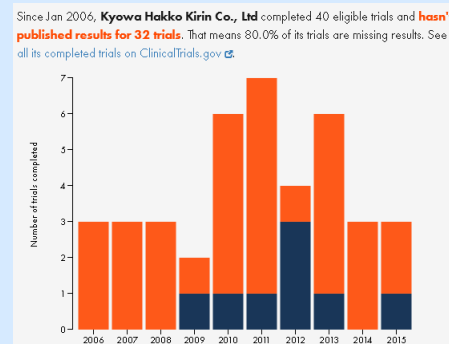
What needs improvement?

- Incomplete (partial / selective) reporting
- Outcome switching
- Disconnected information
- Inefficient review process

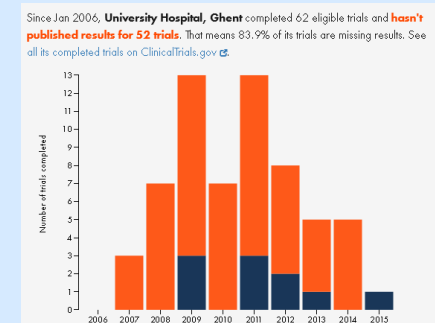
Non-reporting: lots of variation



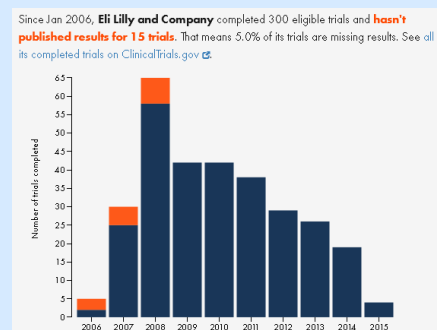
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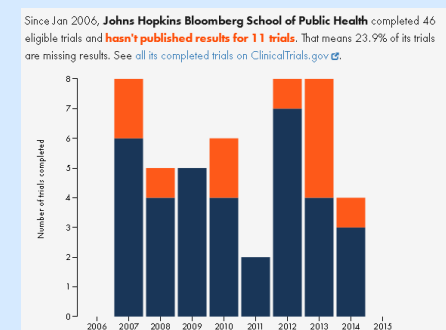
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Outcome switching



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TRACKING SWITCHED OUTCOMES IN CLINICAL TRIALS

Here's what we found.

67

TRIALS CHECKED

9

TRIALS WERE PERFECT

354

OUTCOMES NOT
REPORTED

357

NEW OUTCOMES
SILENTLY ADDED

Incomplete reporting: solutions

- Trial registration (medicine)
- Registered reports
- Protocol review (with manuscript)
- Reporting guidelines
- Flexible formats / supplementary information

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Reporting guidelines

- Emergency medicine journals (n=27)
 - 15 (56%) did not mention registration
 - 11 (41%) did not mention any reporting g'lines

Sims et al Scand J Traum Resusc Emerg Med 2016;24:137

- 200 medical journals (2012)
 - 28% required trial registration

Wager & Williams BMJ 2013;347:f5248

- 195 Chinese journals (2011)
 - 6 (3%) mentioned CONSORT
 - 5 required trial registration

Li et al PLOSOne 2012;7:e30683

Trial registration

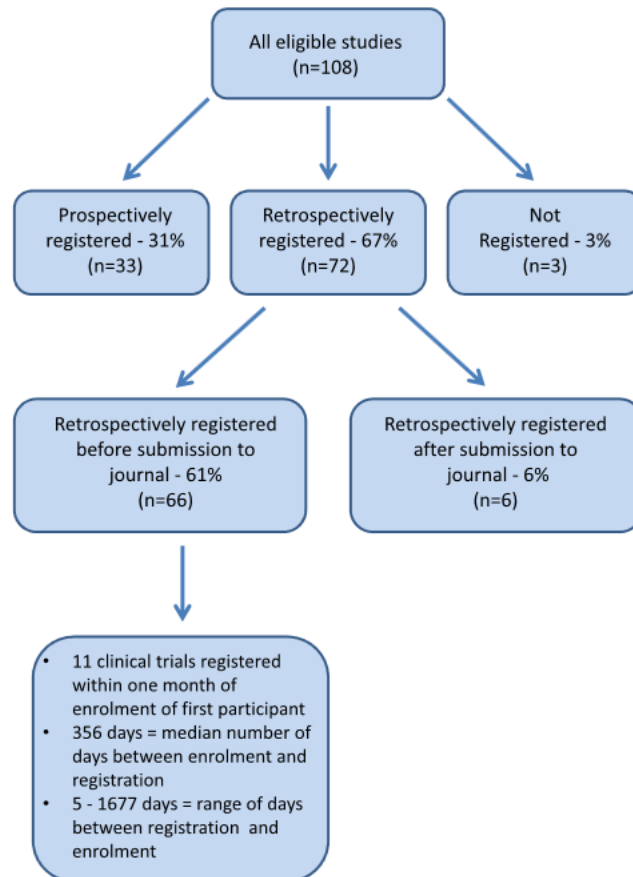


Fig. 1 Number (and % of total included studies) of identified clinical trials registered at different stages

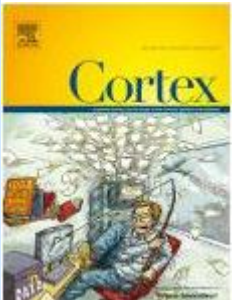
Study of trials published in
2013 in BMC series:
Only 31% were
prospectively registered

Harriman & Patel
Trials 2016;17:187

+ AllTrials

Registered Reports:

- 51 journals now using registered reports (at least in part / as an option)



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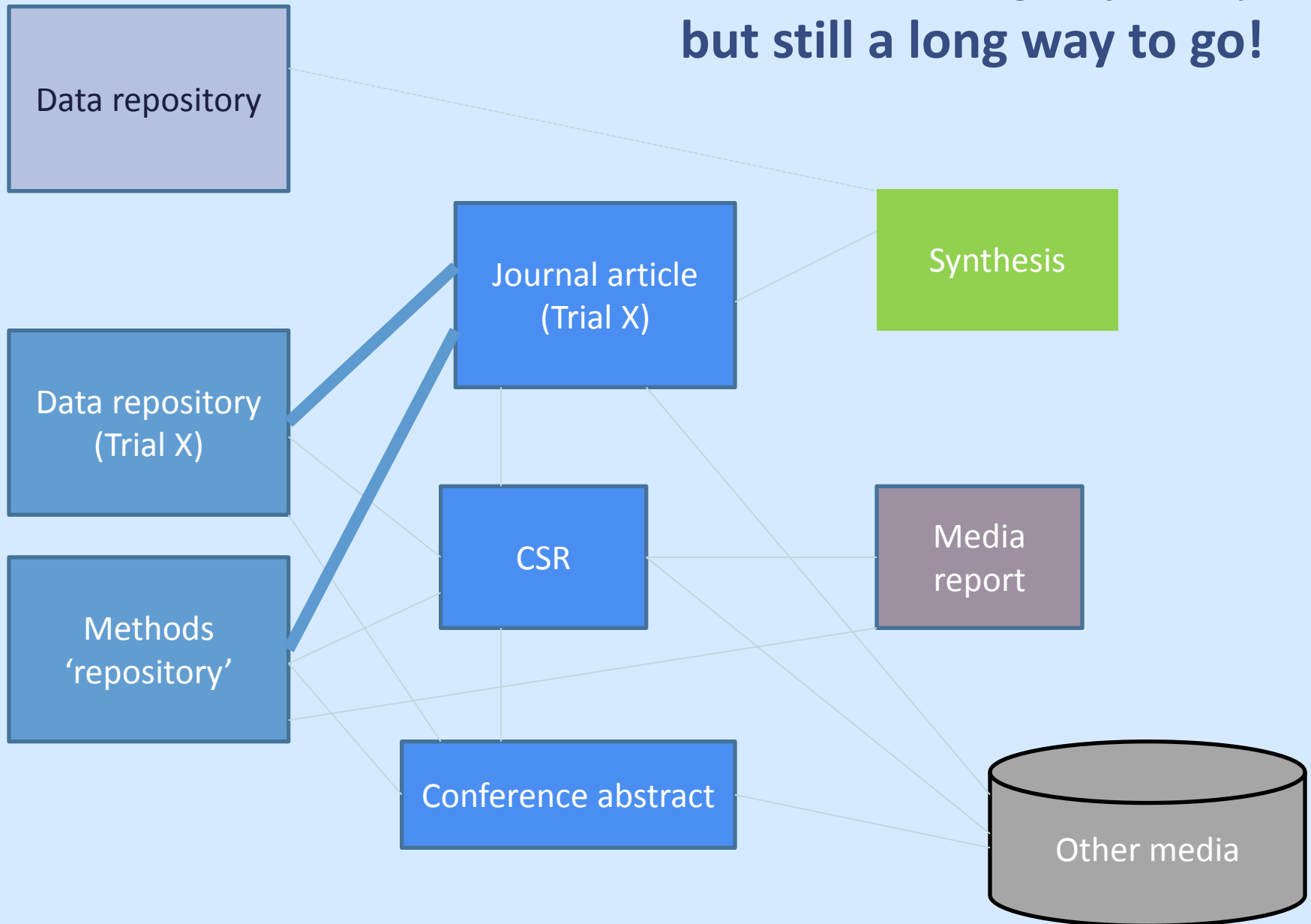
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Starting to join up
but still a long way to go!



Conclusions

- Many good initiatives
- But adoption / endorsement is S-L-O-W
- Need to understand barriers
- Could promote low cost / easy fixes
 - Trial registration
 - Reporting guidelines
 - Protocol publication / review
 - Registered reports