Focus Track:
Integrity in Innovation and Impact

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QUESTION:

How can translational and other users TRUST our research evidence, and are the principles of research integrity captured in the Singapore Statement enough?

OBJECTIVE:

Identify the **principles** most relevant to ensuring TRUST in the translation of research innovations

The 'Translational Interface"

CHALLENGE:

Translation provides an interface with many users who need to TRUST the validity, reliability and robustness of the research evidence that they will use or benefit from.

Issues raised

- Different users on the pathway from innovation to impact will have different (vested) interests and conceptual frameworks from which they work (difficulties with language).

- Need to be clear and transparent about who is setting the priorities for the research and its translation (what and why)

- Need to encourage researchers to fully explore and articulate the limitations of the research (its pros and cons, what it can and cannot address or achieve)

- User engagement (and/or involvement) helps with understanding and expectation management

- Good governance (of the research, the translation process, the relationships between researchers and industry/public) is a vital component of translation

What we concluded

The principles of the Singapore Statement (honesty, accountability, professional courtesy and fairness, duty of care) remain completely relevant at all stages of the research process and for all actors

BUT, to ensure TRUST in the process of translation, implementation and uptake of research outcomes, two additional principles need to be considered

Transparency in the research process and in the presentation of results

Clarity of communication to ensure that the information we communicate about innovation is understandable, explainable and accessible

Next Steps

- This is the start of an iterative process - we need to figure out how to implement all of the principles (including the new ones) in innovation and impact

- In order to understand better what these principles mean for users, we need to speak to them

- Ultimately we want to see expansion of the principles of research integrity so that they can underpin the FULL research process, especially the translation to impact pathway.