

THE INTEGRATION OF LIBRARIANS IN HEALTH RESEARCH TEAMS: THE RESEARCHERS' PERSPECTIVE



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INTRODUCTION

- Librarians have adopted various strategies that reflect their professional relevance, incorporating their specific knowledge into teaching and learning initiatives, but also into research.
- Close collaboration in health research projects, conducted by both teachers and health professionals, is a developing objective¹.
- The scientific literature has little explored the pattern of collaboration between the academic and the librarian on research topics other than the library or information science.
- Medical literature is the exception, where the librarian collaborates regularly in the preparation and publication of review articles, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses²⁻⁴.

AIM OF THE STUDY

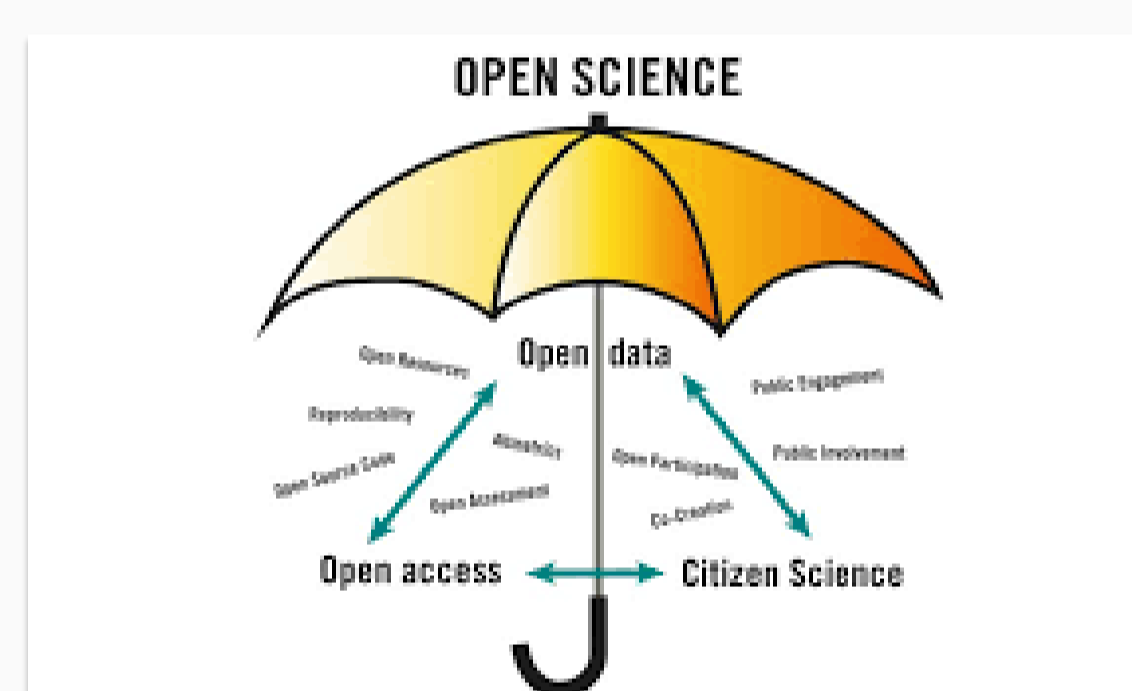
To reflect on the perspective that researchers have of librarians' competencies to integrate health research teams.

METHODS

The methodology used is based on two moments: the literature review and the interview about the researchers' perspective. The interview is semi-structured, it took place together with a selective sample of researchers and its results were analyzed qualitatively.

RESULTS

Researchers' perspective of Librarians' competencies to integrate health research teams Systematic Review, Open Science and Communication



- Elaboration of preliminary information searches for a better definition of the scope under study
- Selection of databases according to contents, search terms and search platform/interface
- Translation of the research question into main concepts
- Development of the search string
- Documentation of procedures and research results
- Optimization of results and references management
- Contribution for the writing of the final manuscript

- Procedures related to the curatorship of research data
- Development of the search string
- Scrutiny related to intellectual property
- Documentation for publication
- Publication guidance for journals, where to publish according to the research scope, funding criteria and journal visibility
- Identification of predatory publishers
- Dissemination of the published article
- Identification of funding sources for research

- Having solid oral and written communication skills
- Having a solid knowledge of the English language

DISCUSSION & CONCLUSIONS

- Librarians and researchers can ensure a collaborative culture in health research teams¹.
- With the skills inherent in their profession and the investment to gathering new knowledge, librarians can be a prerequisite for involvement and successful participation in the health research team¹⁻⁴.
- Other gains of this collaboration: the opportunity to directly work with researchers, the knowledge gained about how research processes work, and the understanding of new language and terminology.

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