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## EFFECT ON CITATION RATES IN ASTRONOMY



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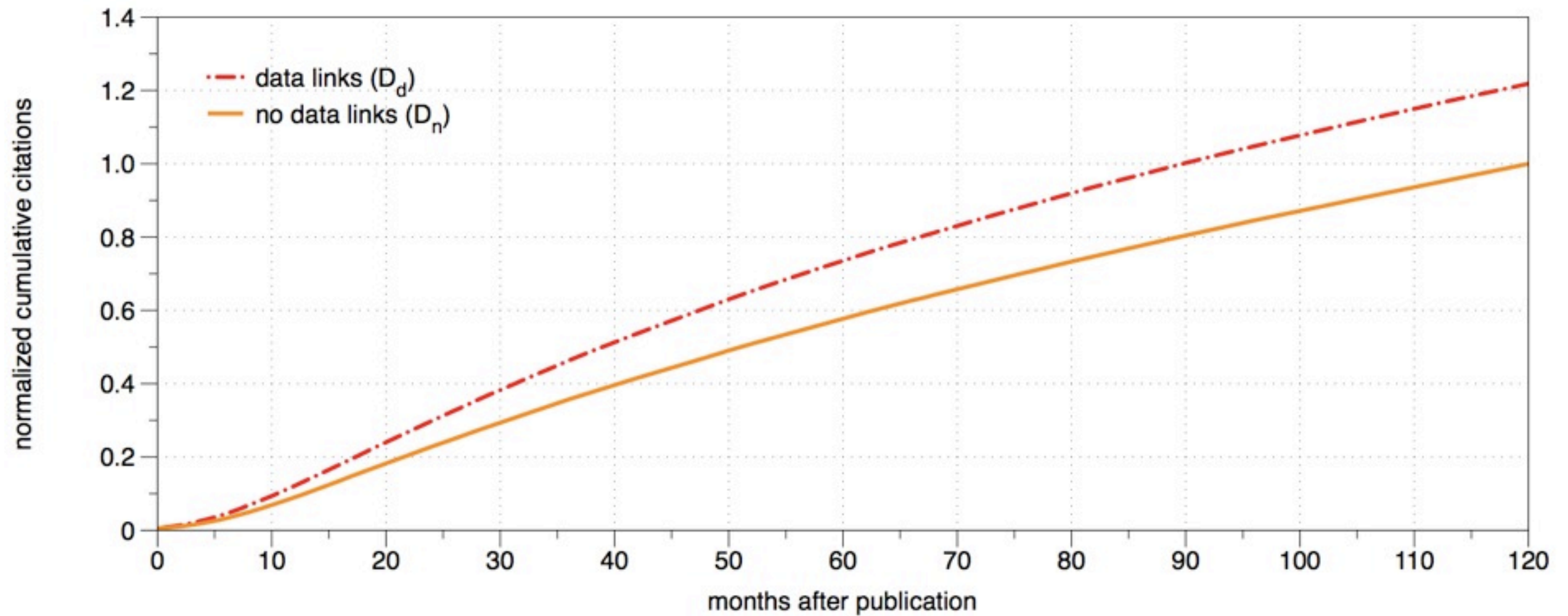


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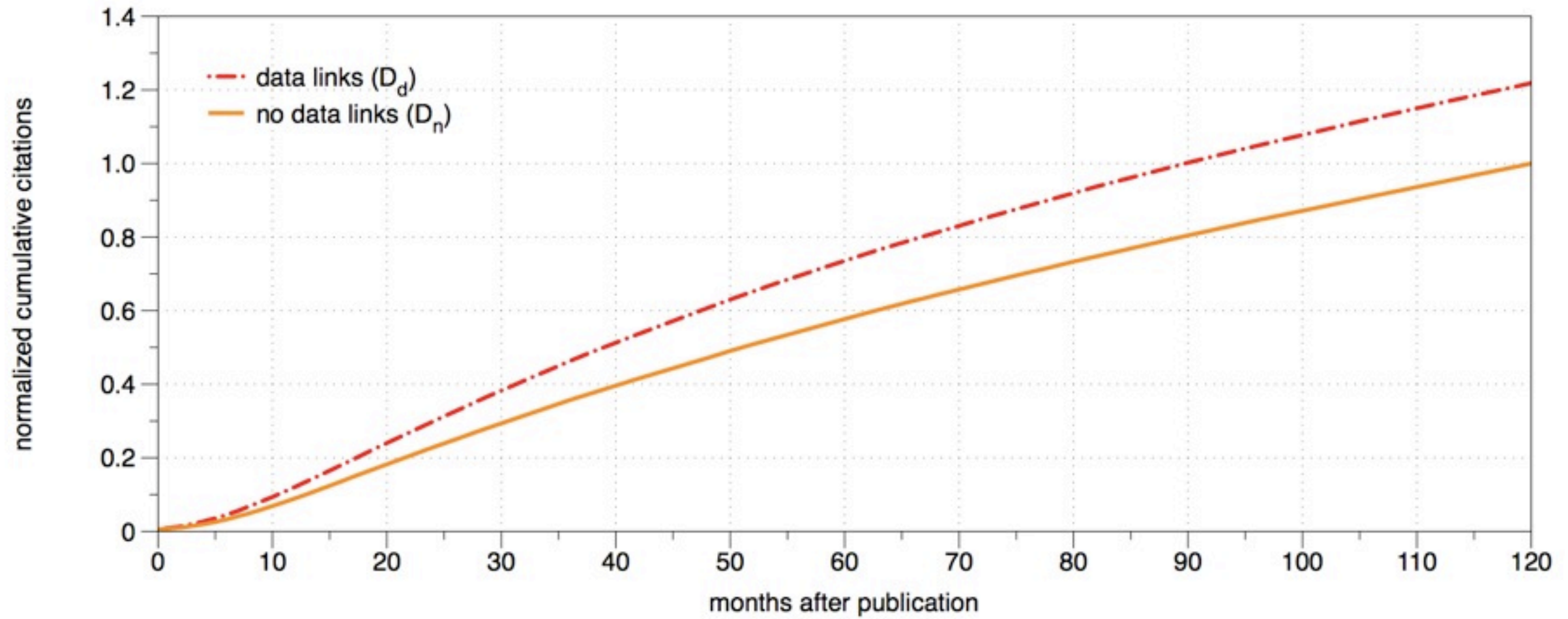
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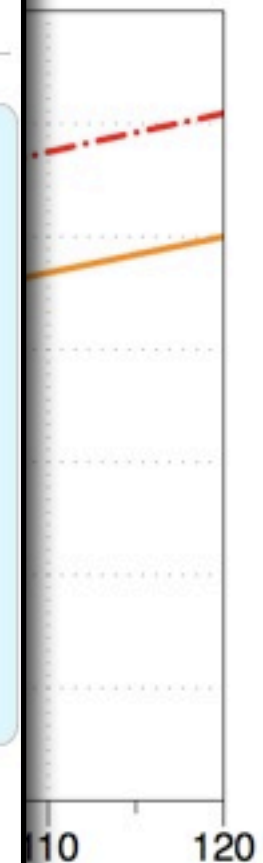
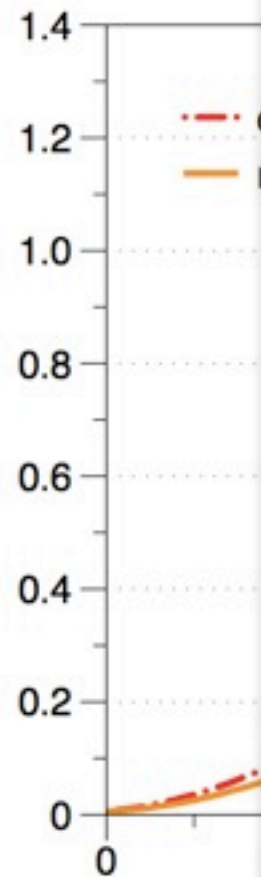


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### Background

Sharing research data provides benefit to the general scientific community, but the benefit is less obvious for the investigator who makes his or her data available.

### Principal Findings

We examined the citation history of 85 cancer microarray clinical trial publications with respect to the availability of their data. The 48% of trials with publicly available microarray data received 85% of the aggregate citations. Publicly available data was significantly ( $p = 0.006$ ) associated with a 69% increase in citations, independently of journal impact factor, date of publication, and author country of origin using linear regression.

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### Significance

This correlation between publicly available data and increased literature impact may further motivate investigators to share their detailed research data.

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## Could there be other systematic effects?

- E-printing, additional metadata
- “Cherry-picking”



# Data sharing is a multi-discipline discussion

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- “The Essential Nature of Sharing in Science”
- “Time for fair trade in research data”
- “Challenges and Opportunities of Open Data in Ecology”
- “Will a Data Registry Increase Professional Integrity?”
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- “Whose data are they anyway?”

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**Avoid:** "What's my data is mine and what's your data is also mine."  
Sydney Brenner on data mining.





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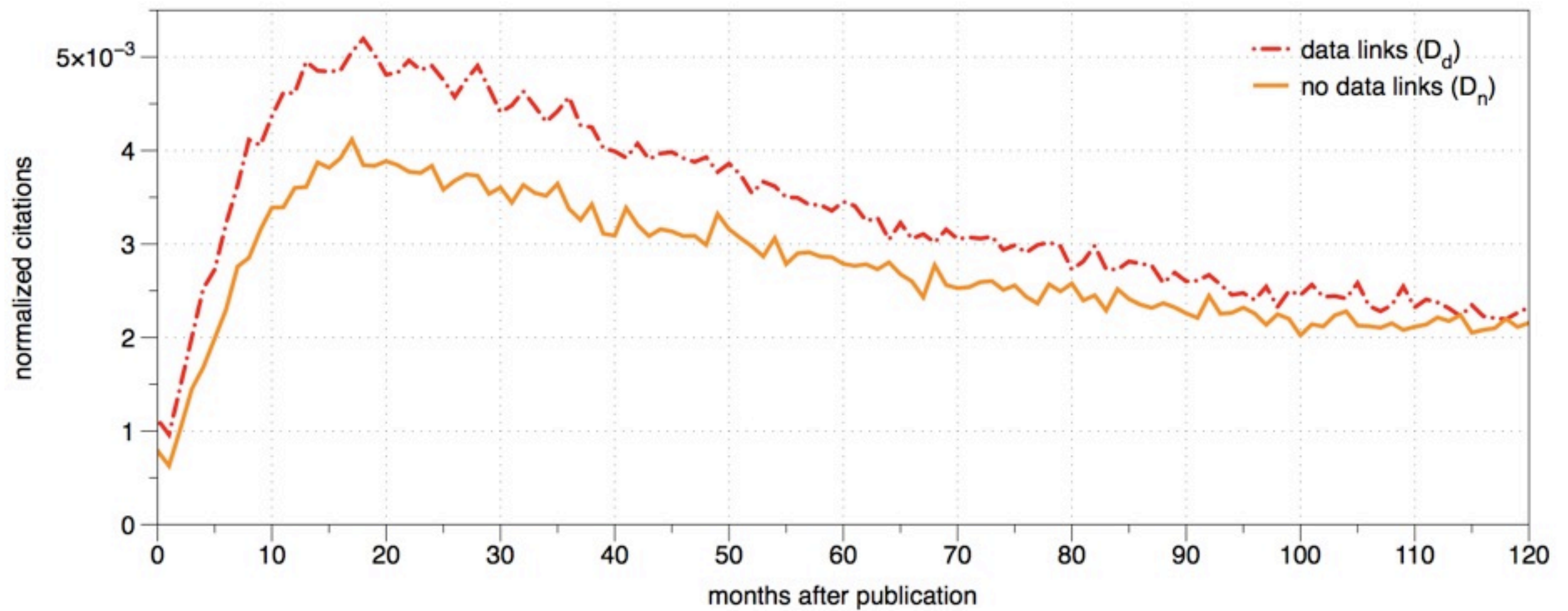
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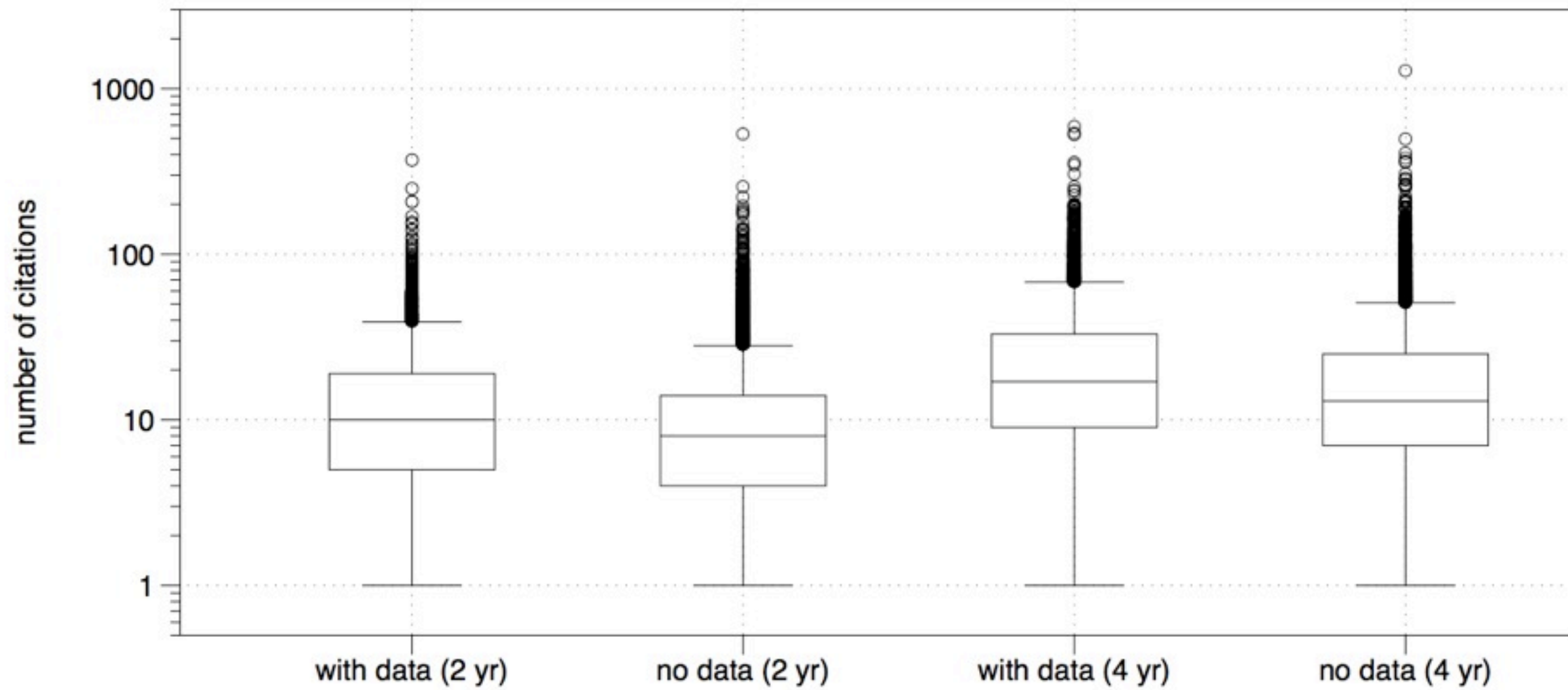
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