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Publication and Dissemination of Health Research Findings: Strengthening Post-Trial Benefit

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Abstract

There is a large discrepancy between the number of research studies being conducted in the Sudan and the number of scientific publications of research outcomes. This study explores the trends of Sudanese researchers toward publication and dissemination of research findings and post-trial benefit to the communities in which these research studies are conducted. We surveyed 95 researchers from different research and academic institutions and found that only 51% of researchers publish their research work in local and international professional journals. Approximately 20% of surveyed researchers provide feedback to the served communities and some of researchers (22.1%) make the tested interventions available to the communities. There is little structured support for dissemination of research findings in the Sudan, and research and academic institutions are generally left to create their own means of publication.

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