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# **Research Assessment Services in Academic Health Sciences Libraries**

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# OBJECTIVES

- This study aims to investigate if, what, and how research assessment services are provided by academic health sciences libraries.
- The findings will help librarians develop effective research assessment services to meet researchers' needs.

# METHODS

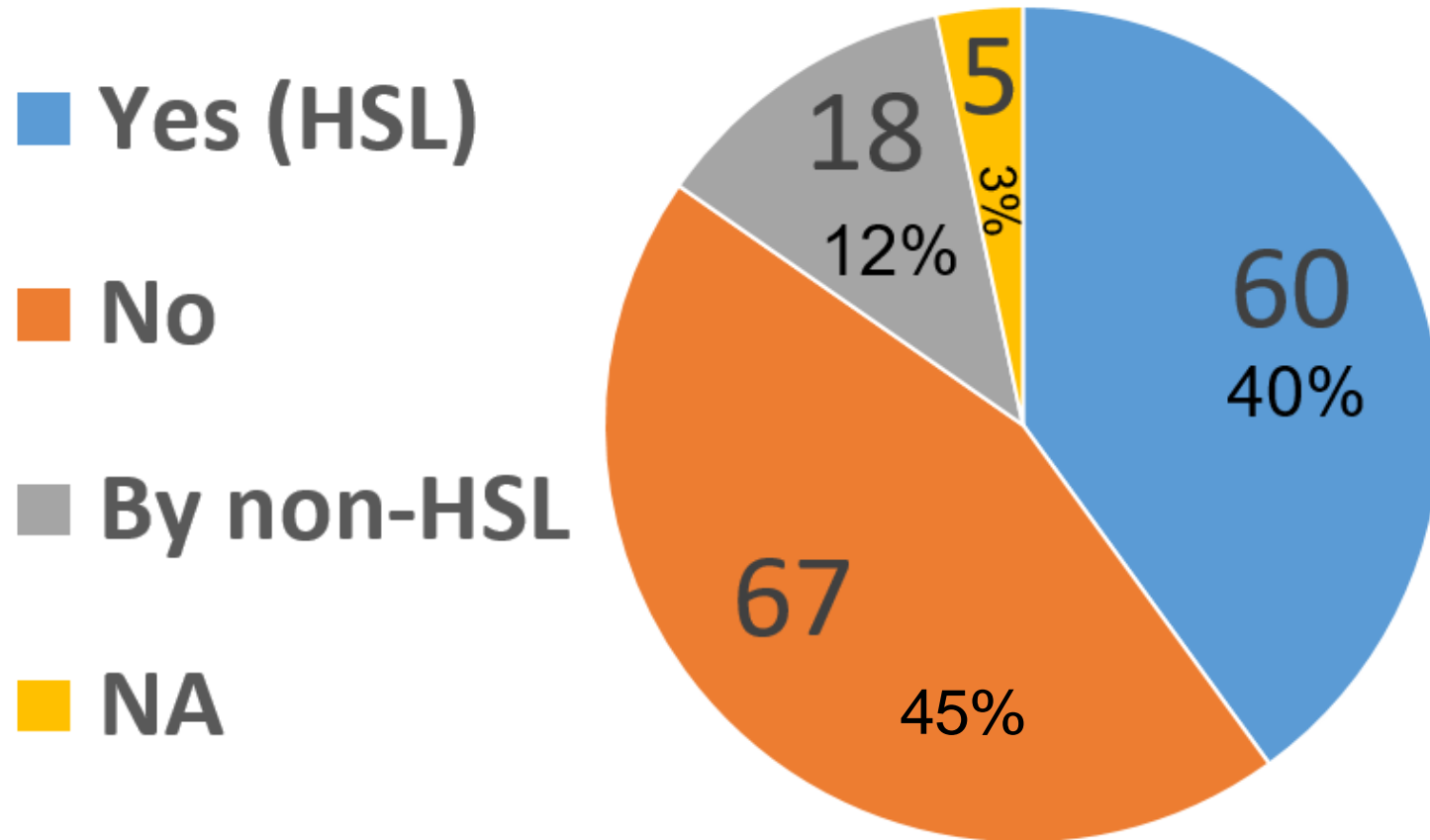
- A list of academic health sciences libraries (N=150) was downloaded from AAHSL Membership Directory on January 10, 2018.
- Data were extracted from their websites aiming to answer these questions:
  - Are research assessment services being provided?
  - If yes, what levels of assessment services are provided?
  - How are the research assessment services provided?
  - What other research support services are provided?
- When a website did not post enough or clear information, contacting listed point persons was pursued to acquire additional information and clarification about the service.
- Data collected were recorded in an excel file and analyzed accordingly.

# RESULTS

- 60 out of 150 libraries (40%) provided research assessment services at various levels.
  - ❖ Among the 60 academic health sciences libraries,
    - 21 (35%) libraries provided basic level services with a brief guide on research metrics;
    - 22 (37%) offered intermediate level with trainings or detailed research guides to measure research impact;
    - 17 (28%) provided formal services by designated professionals or via special programs;
- 18 (12%) have access to research assessment services provided by non-health sciences libraries in their academic libraries systems.
- 67 libraries (45%) did not have such services;
- 5 (3%) were excluded due to various reasons.
  
- The study also revealed other types of research services offered in the studied libraries.

## Number of Libraries Providing Research Assessment Services

N=150

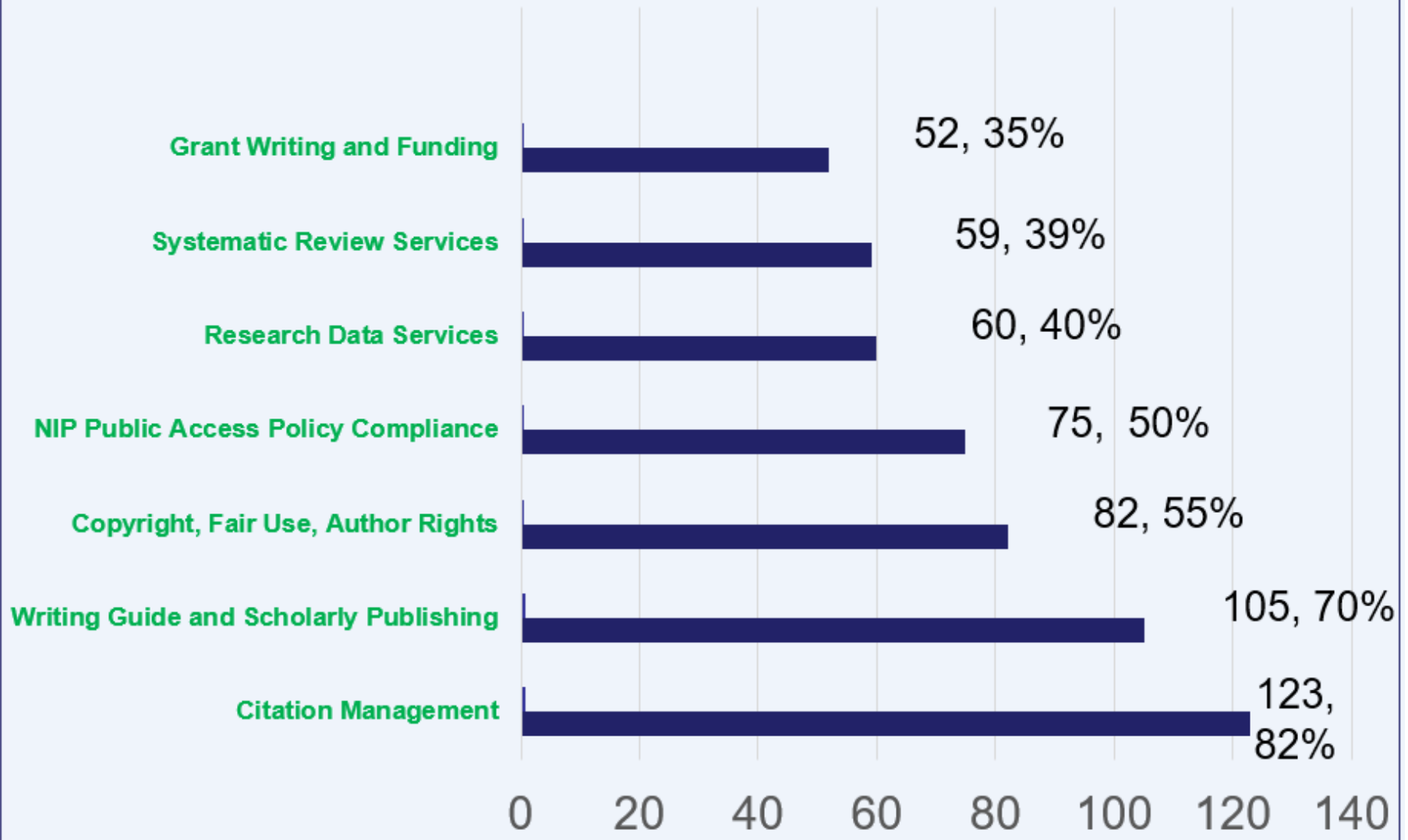


## Level of Research Assessment Services

N=60

Level 1, Basic – Provided basic and brief information on research metrics resources and tools.	N=21, 35%
Level 2, Intermediate – Provided research guides with detailed information and contacts for assistance if help is needed.	N=22, 37%
Level 3, Advanced – Provided dedicated and advanced services on research evaluation by designated professionals.	N=17, 28%

# Other Types of Research Support Services





# CONCLUSION

- Almost half of the academic health sciences libraries provided services on research assessment in addition to many other types of research support services.
- Most of them, however, provided research assessment services at a very limited level; only a small number of libraries offered very formal bibliometric services to their users.
- It would be beneficial for these providers to share what lessons they learned and what programs proved to be effective.
- A subsequent study might be needed to survey these libraries and service providers to make recommendations on best practices.

# THANK YOU!

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