Surviving the future: how authors' rights are impacting scholarly publishing

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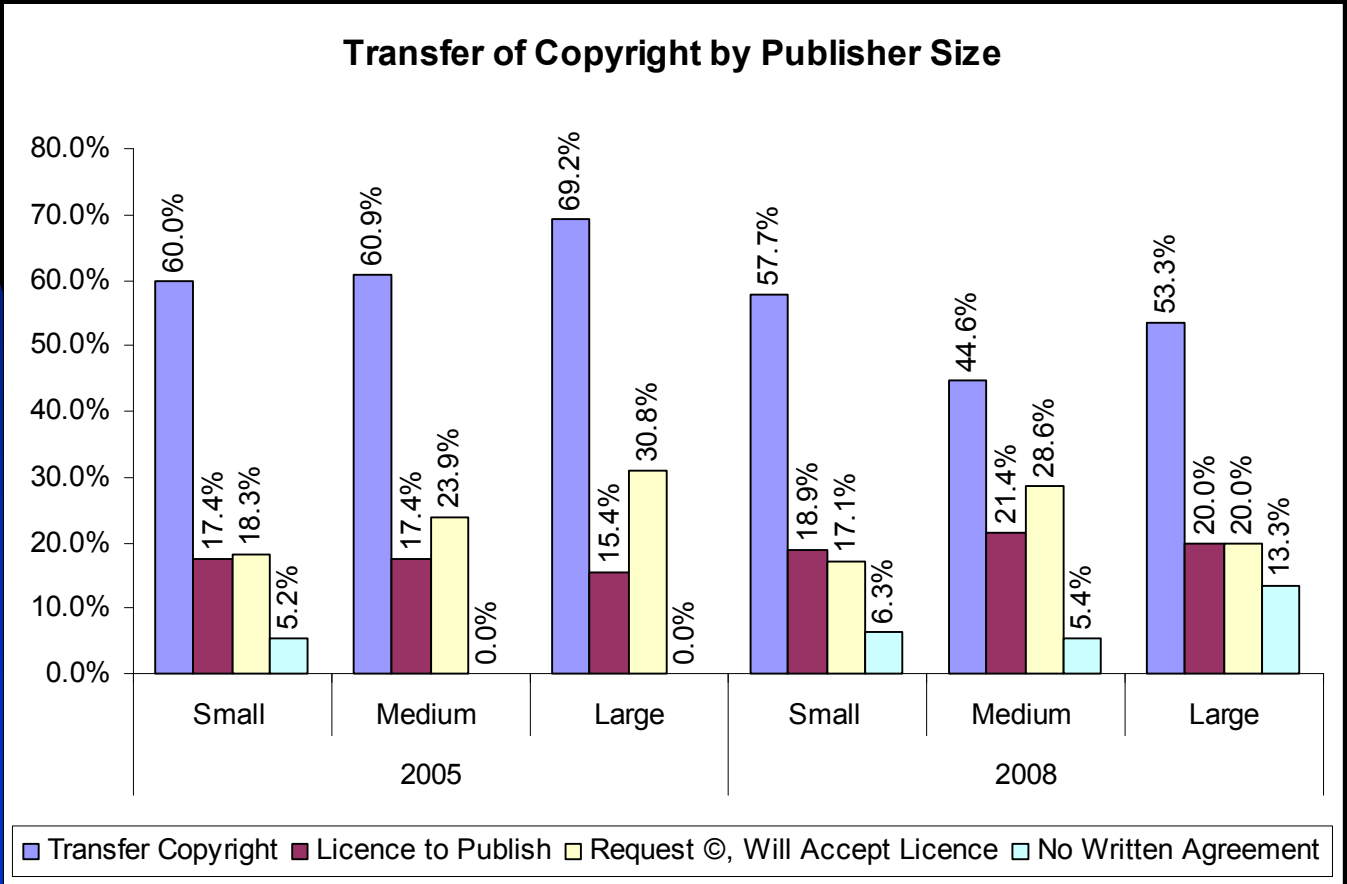
The ALPSP Survey 2008

- **Scholarly publishing practice: Third survey**
  - Laura Cox and John Cox
  - ALPSP, 2008
- **400 publishers surveyed**
- **263 responses – 65+% response rate**
- **60 responses discounted**
- **Analysis based on 203, or 50+%**

Copyright transfer or licence to publish?



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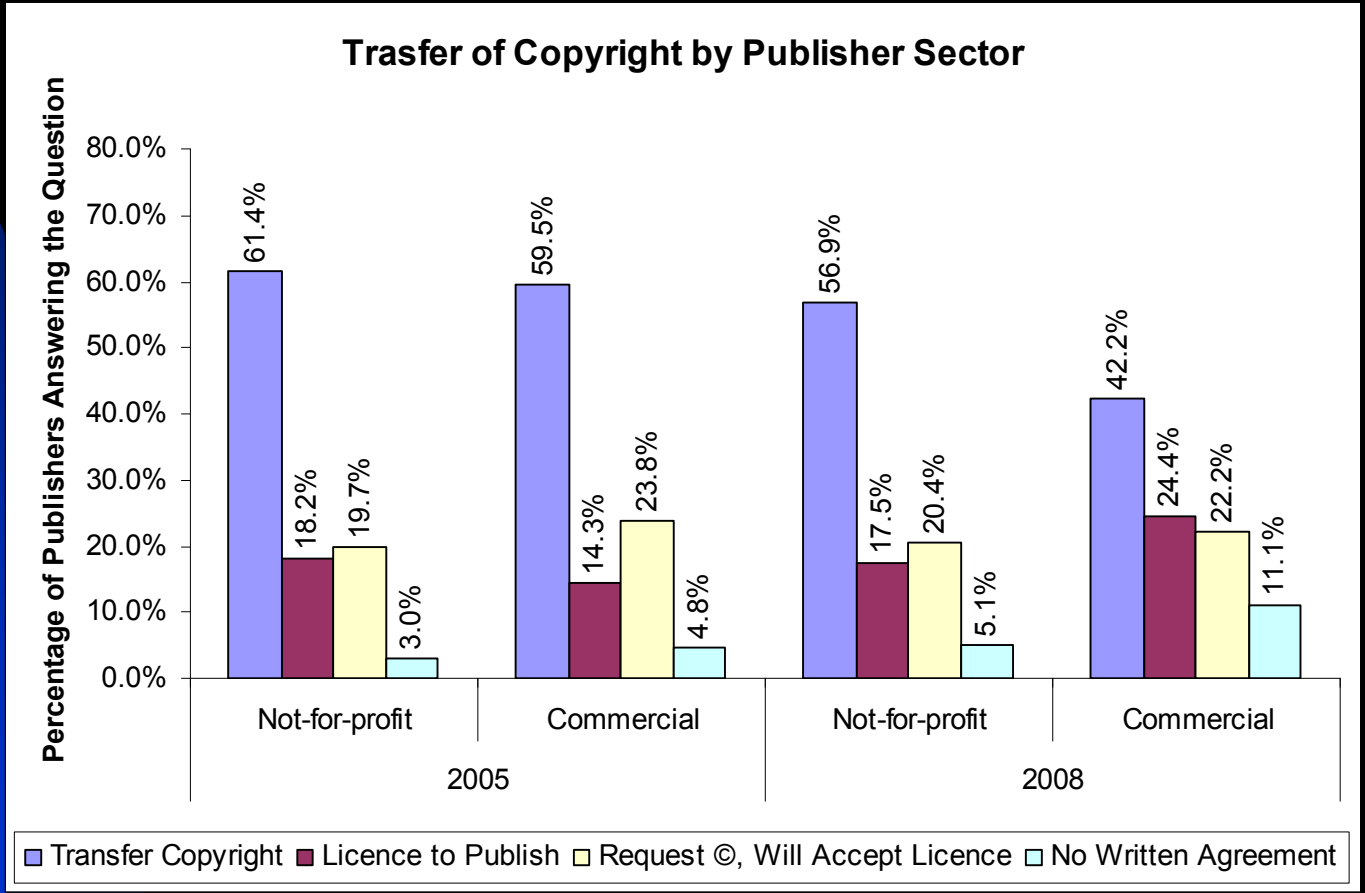
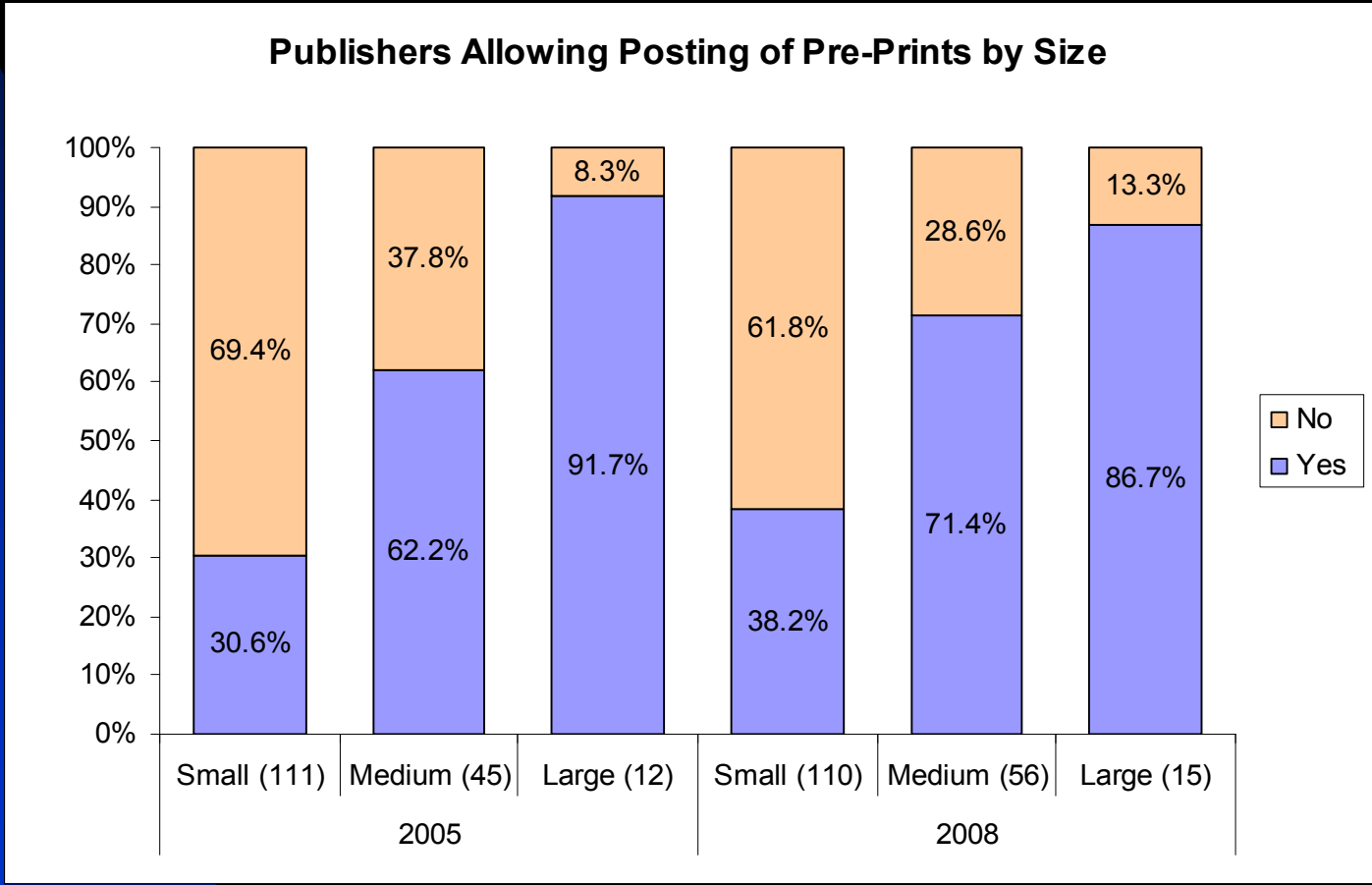


Five aspects to the issue of authors' rights

- Posting submitted articles
- Posting accepted articles
- Posting published articles
- Linking requirements
- Re-use of articles by the author

Posting submitted articles – pre-prints



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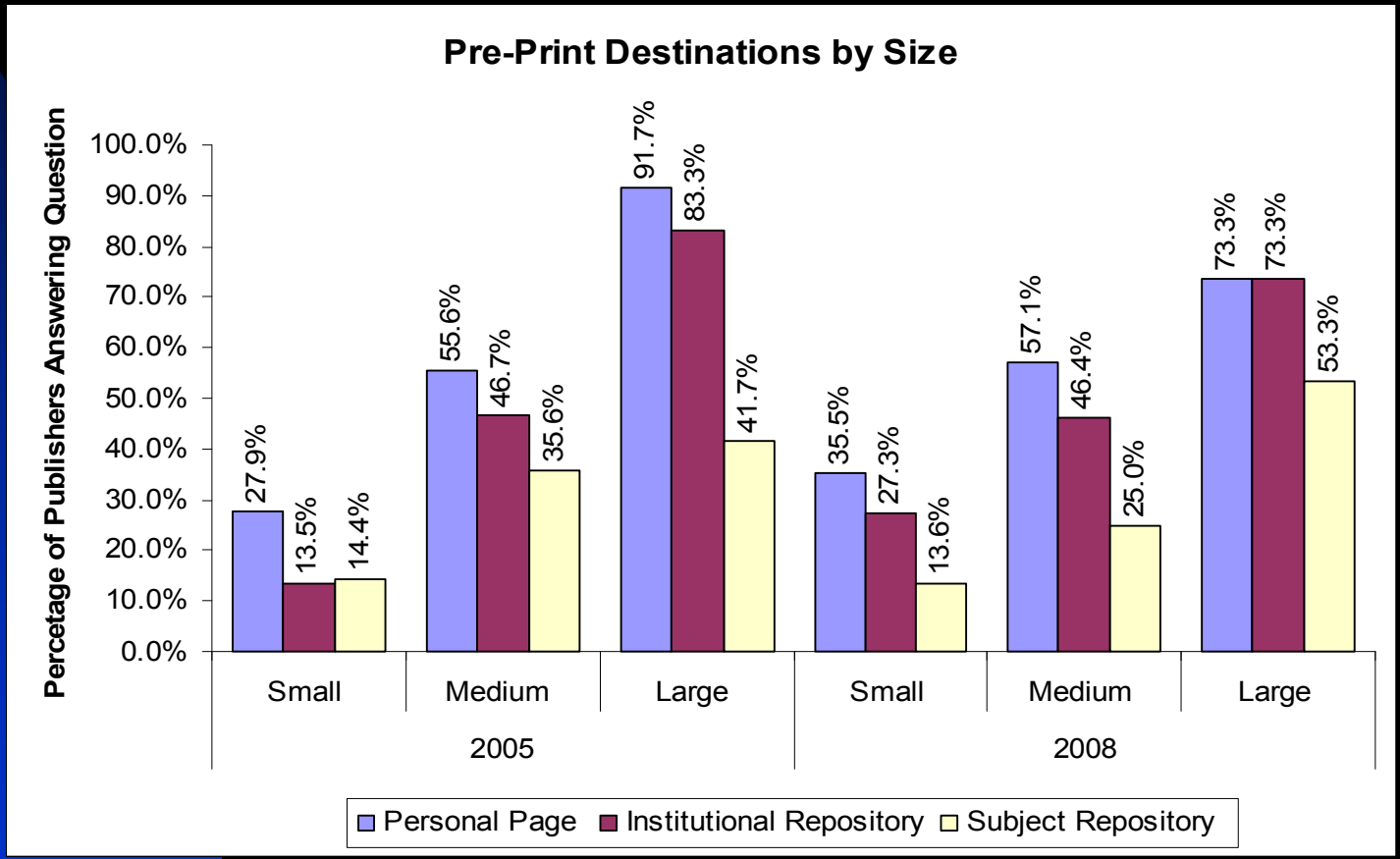

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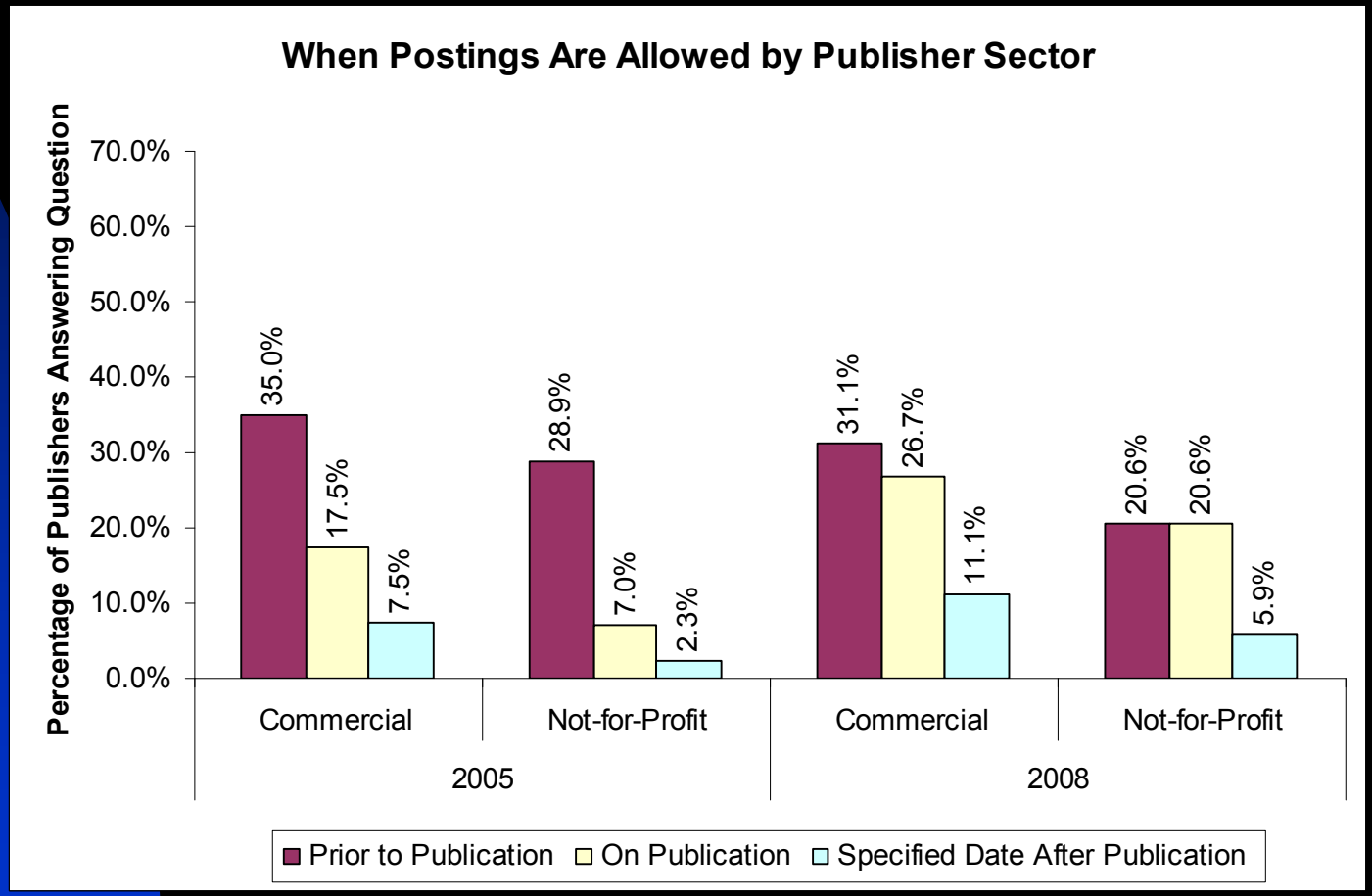

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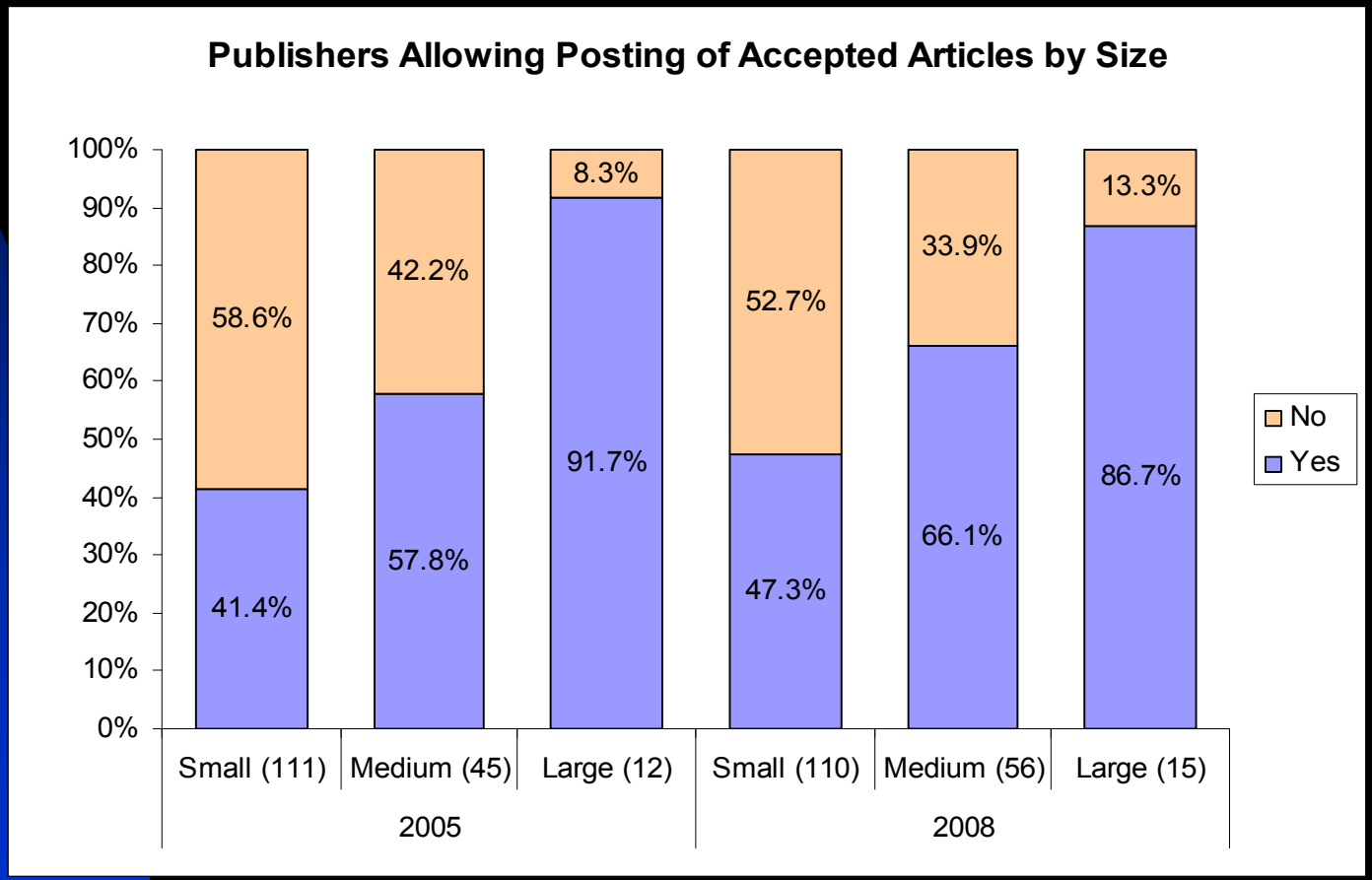

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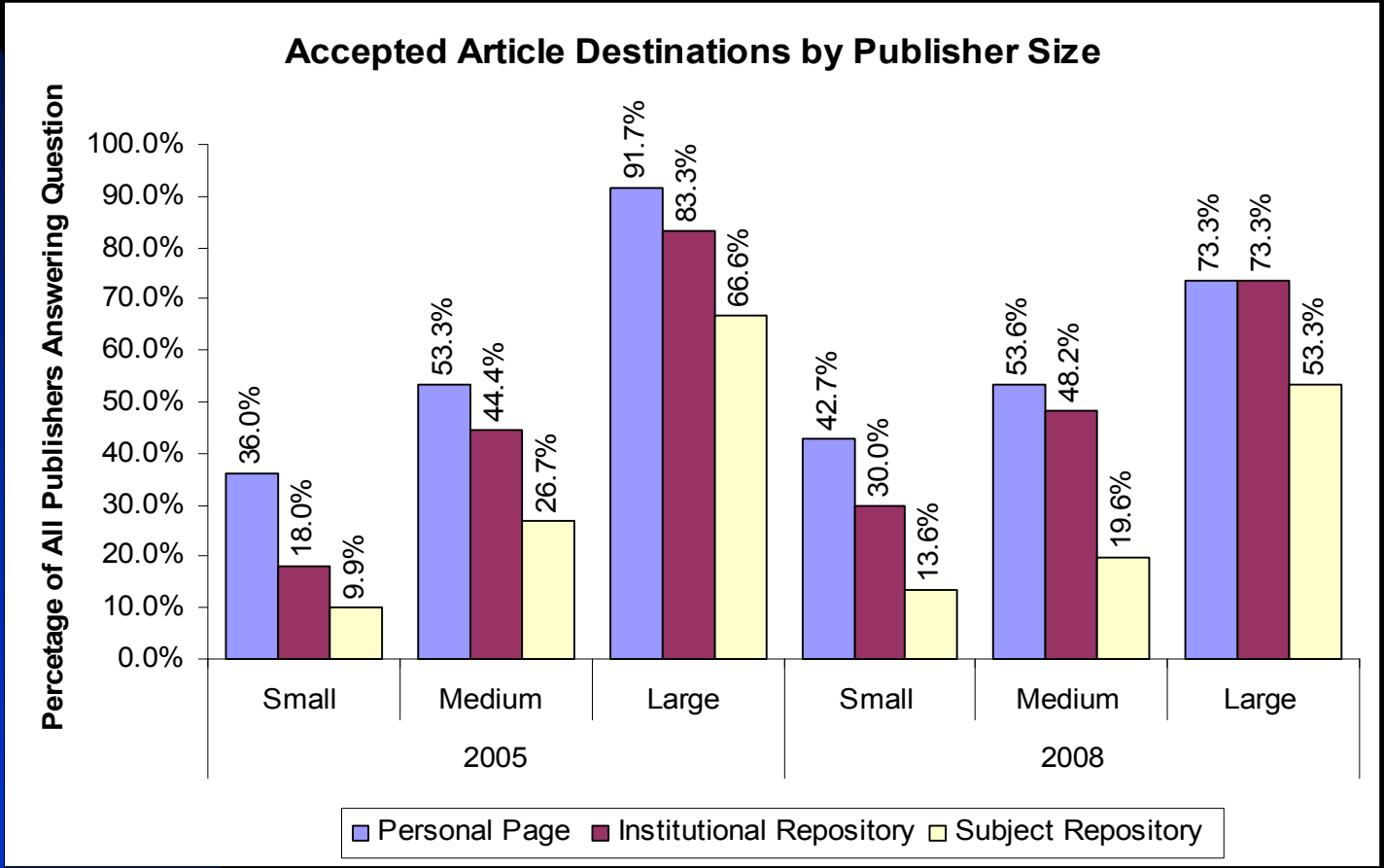
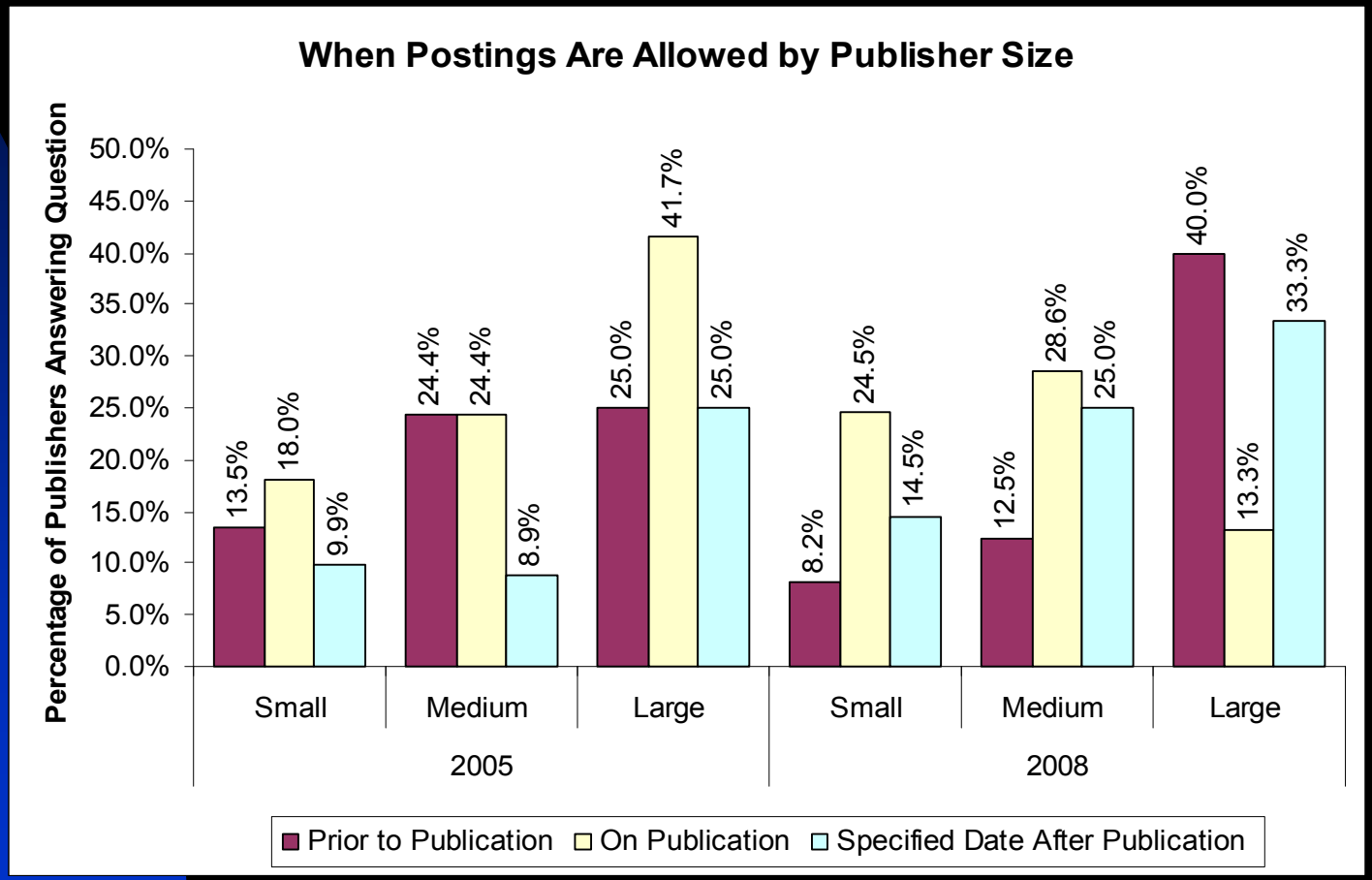
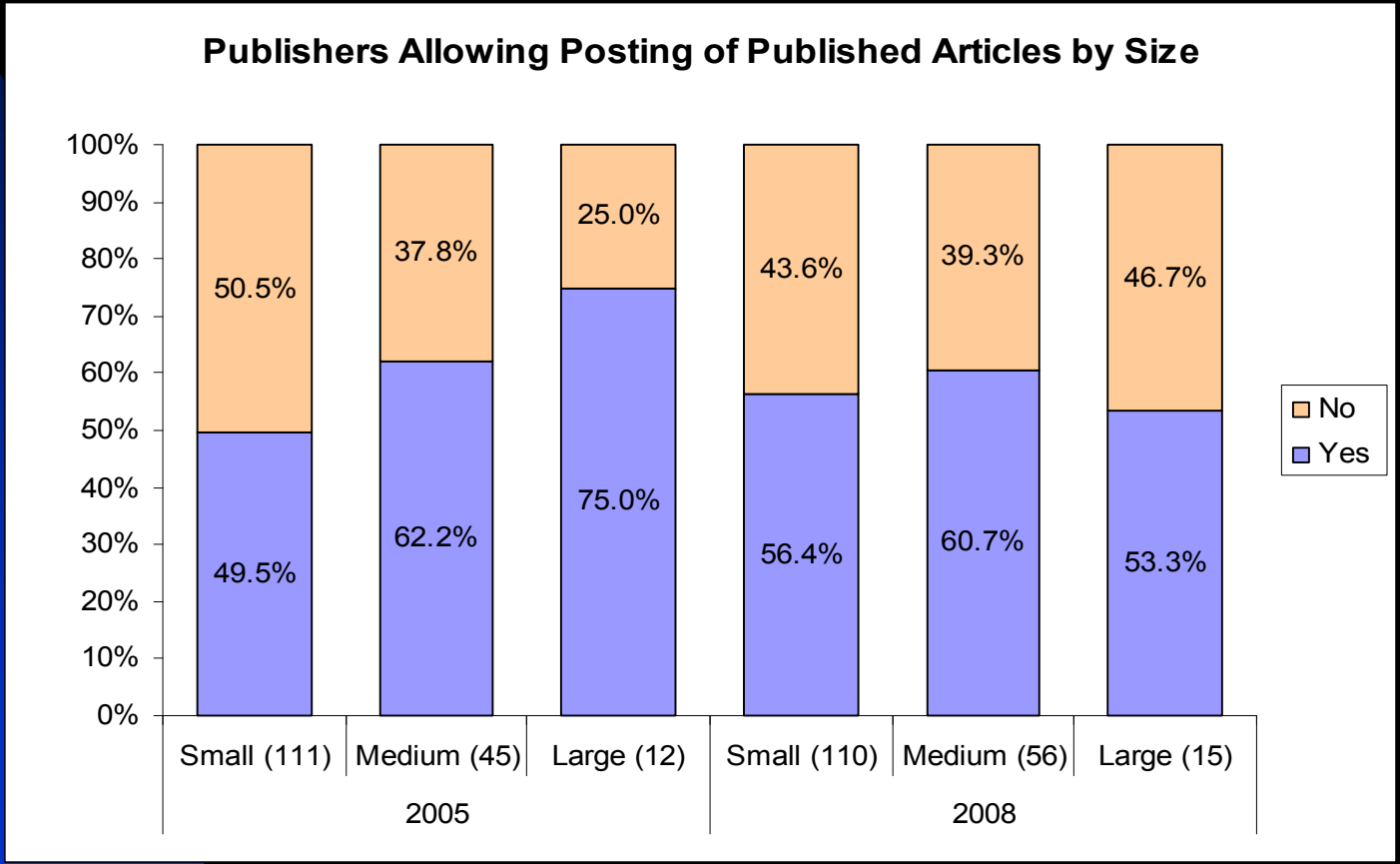


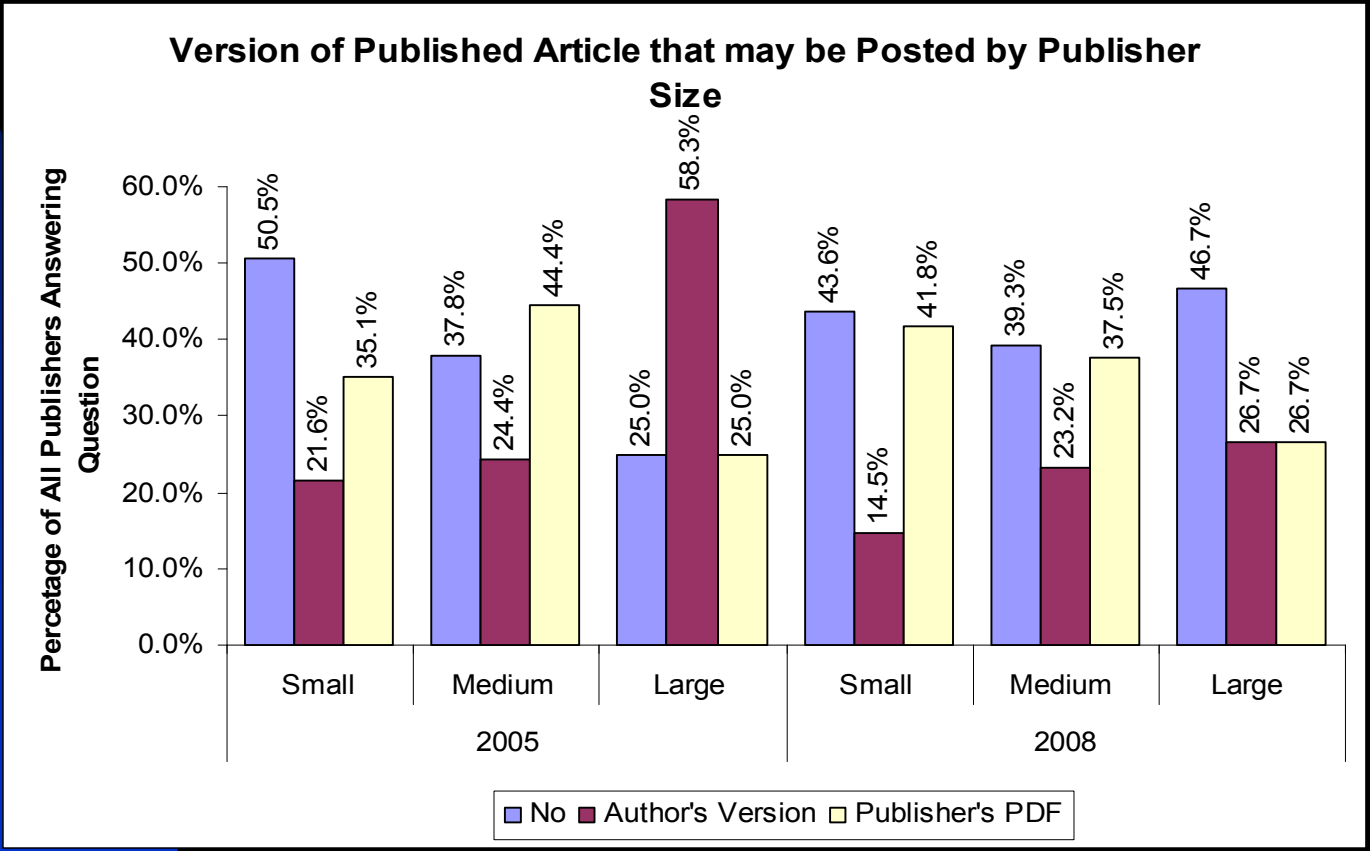
When posting the accepted article is allowed



Posting the published version on the Web



Which version of the published article: author m/s or PDF?



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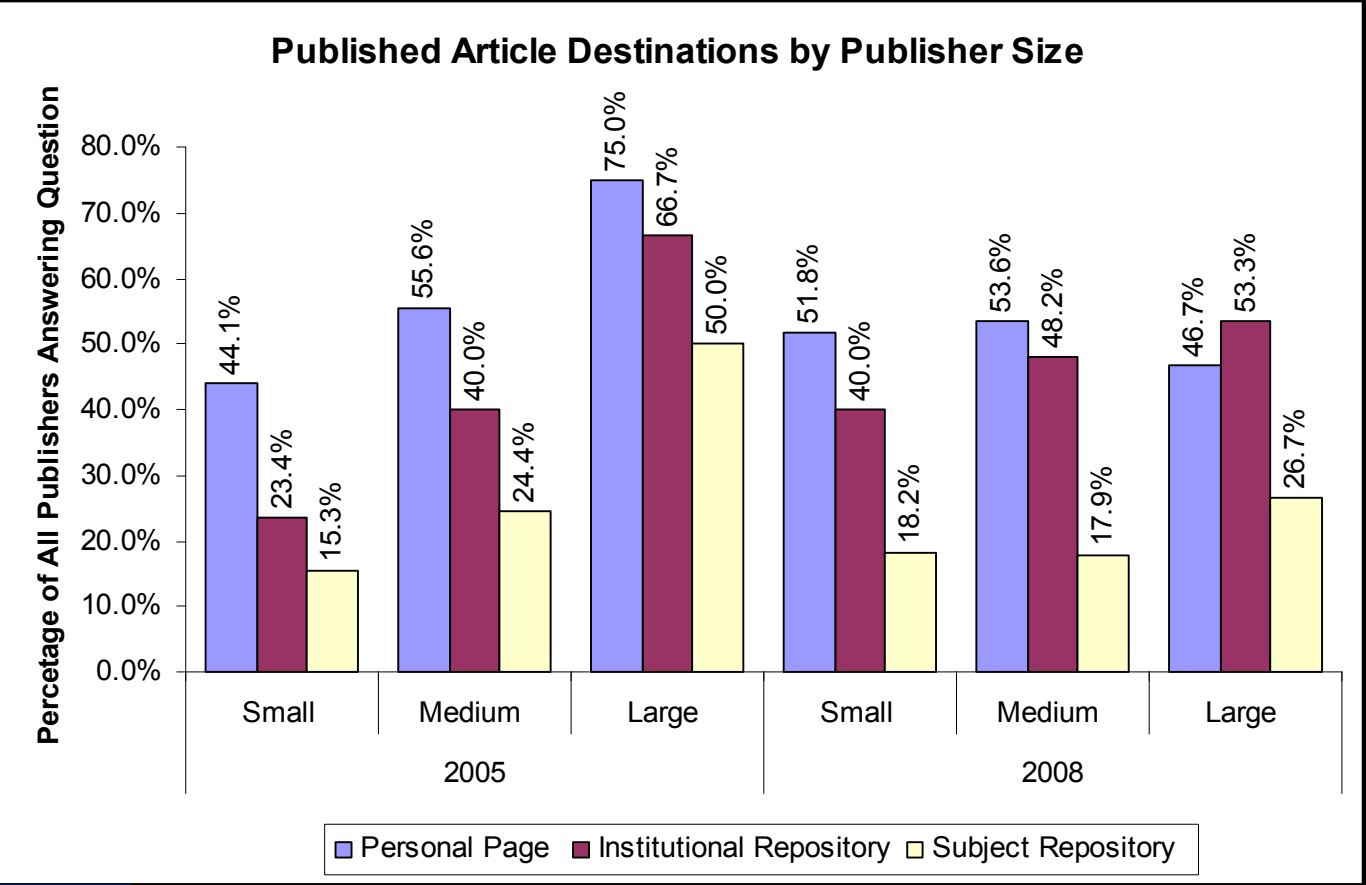
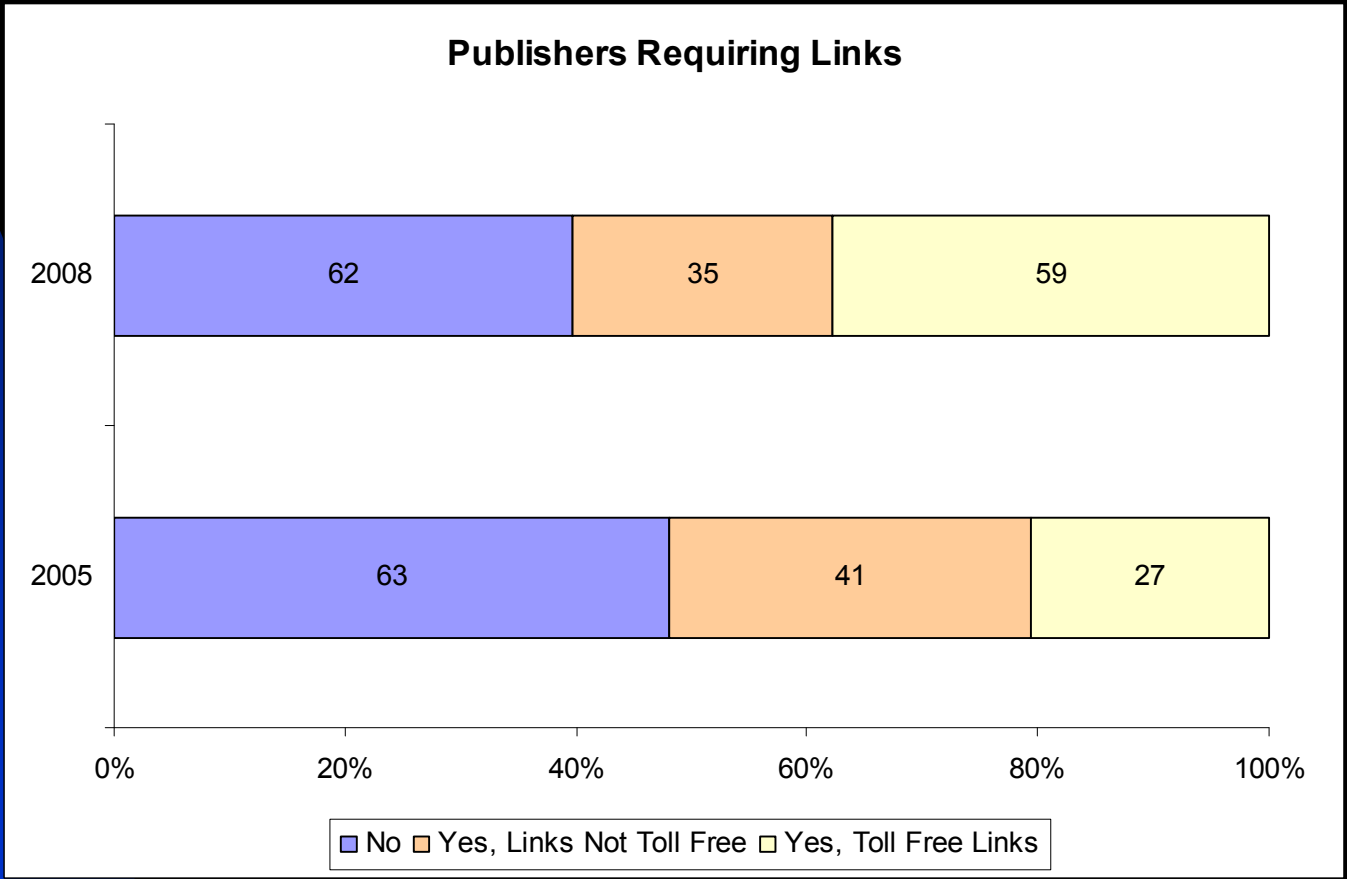
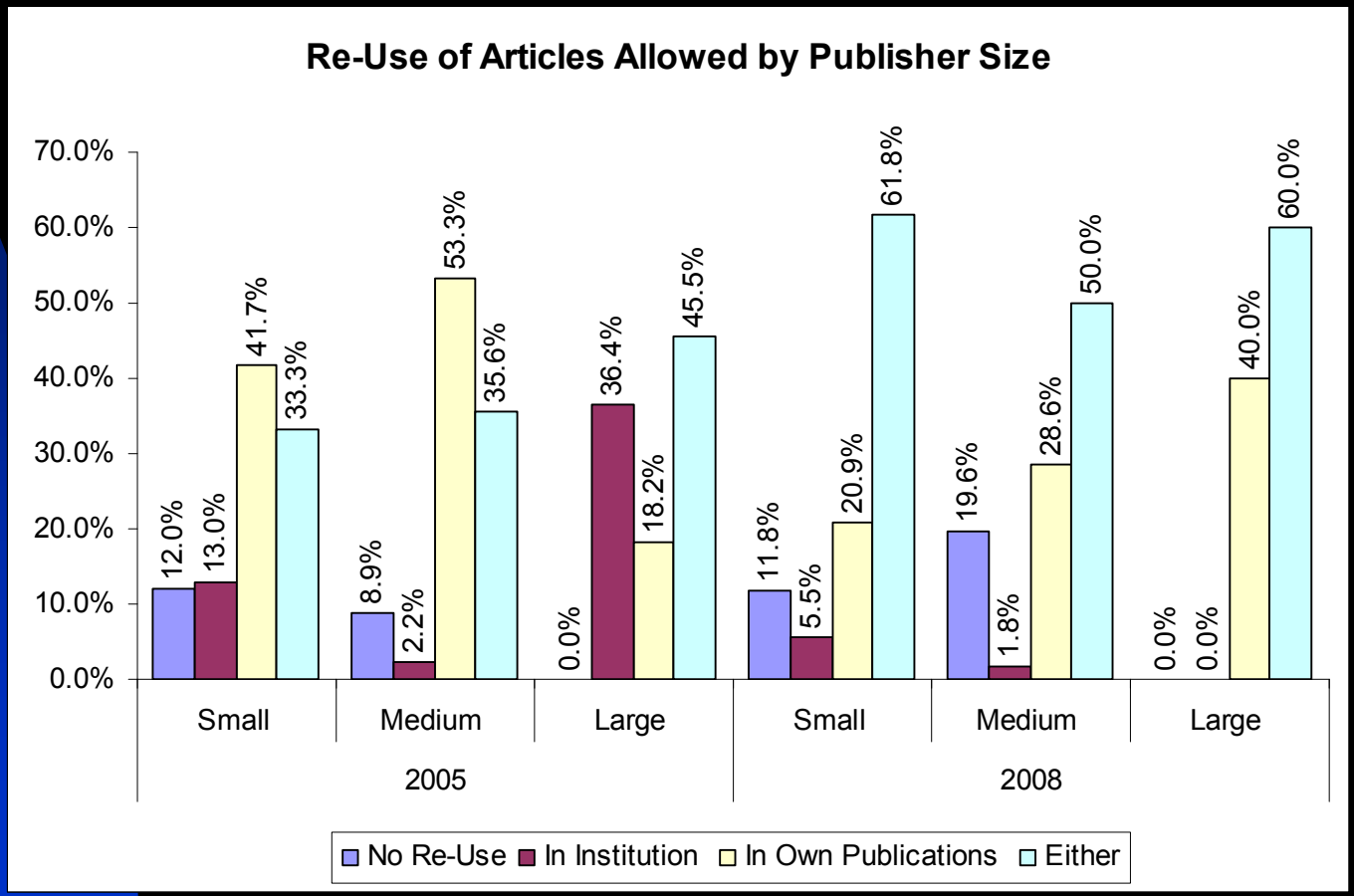


Linking to the published article



Re-use by the author



What can we conclude?

- Publishers are accommodating NIH and Wellcome requirements
- Clear trend away from mandatory copyright transfer
- Embargo on posting published article but relaxing prohibitions on pre-prints
- Policy and practice still evolving

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