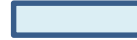


*The idea woman*



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## Lecture 2 – Vancouver style for reference, Formulating the hypothesis



ALWAYS



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# Vancouver style for references

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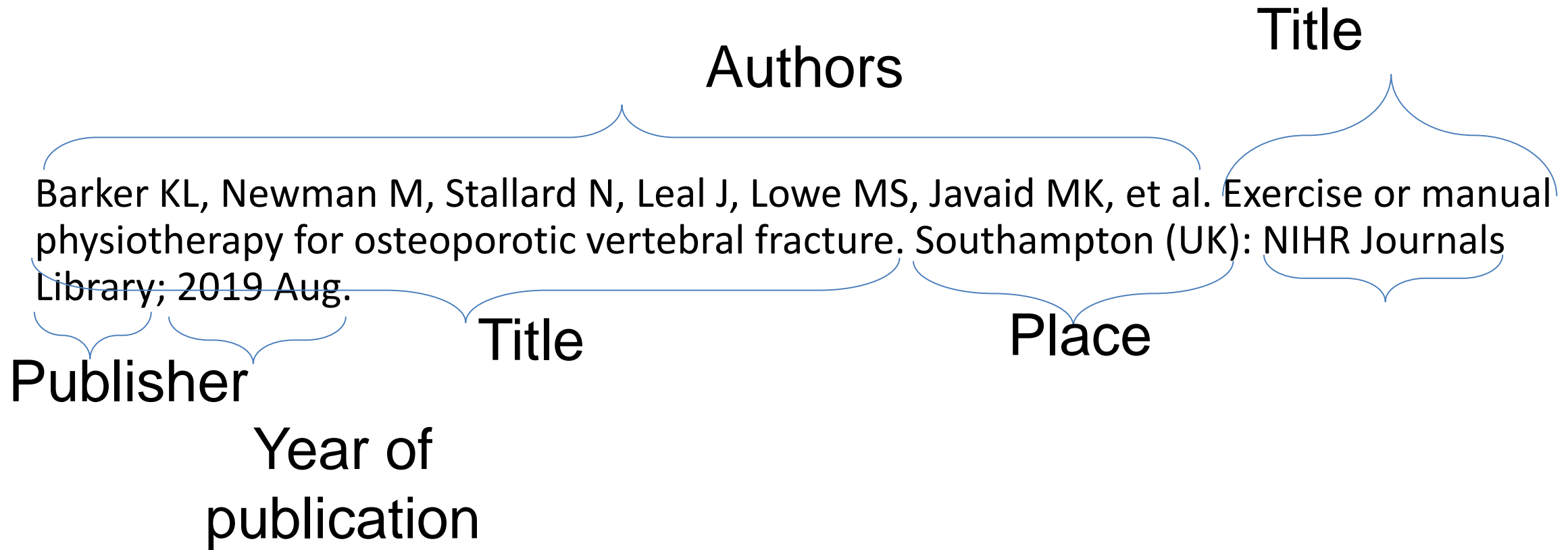
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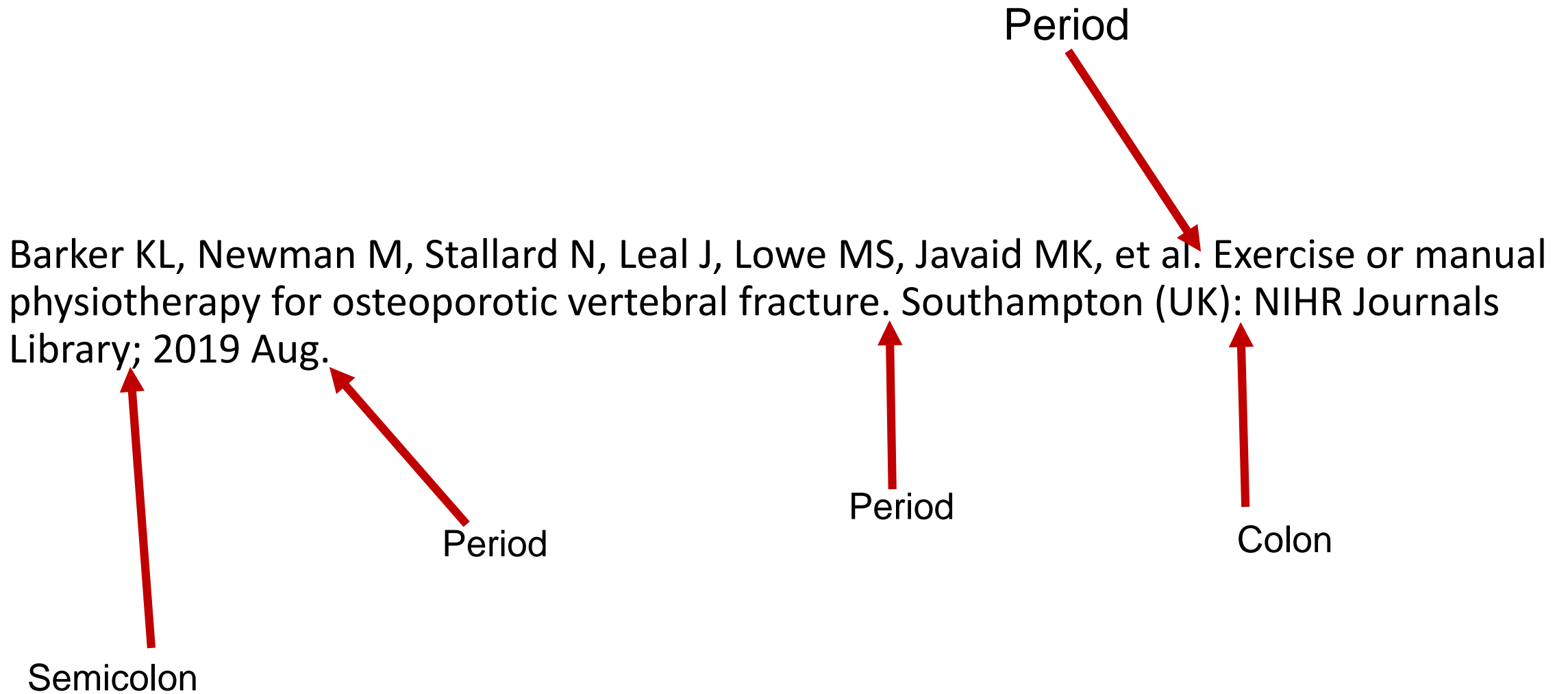
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- 2023 Impact factor =2.7
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Category






# Quartile of a Journal - based on it's impact factor

- 158 journals in the category
- $158/4=39.5$   39 journals in each quartile
  - Quartile 1 – the most important journals in the field - 40 journals
  - Quartile 2 – the second most important journals in the field - 39 journals
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# Categories by Group

See all 254 Categories

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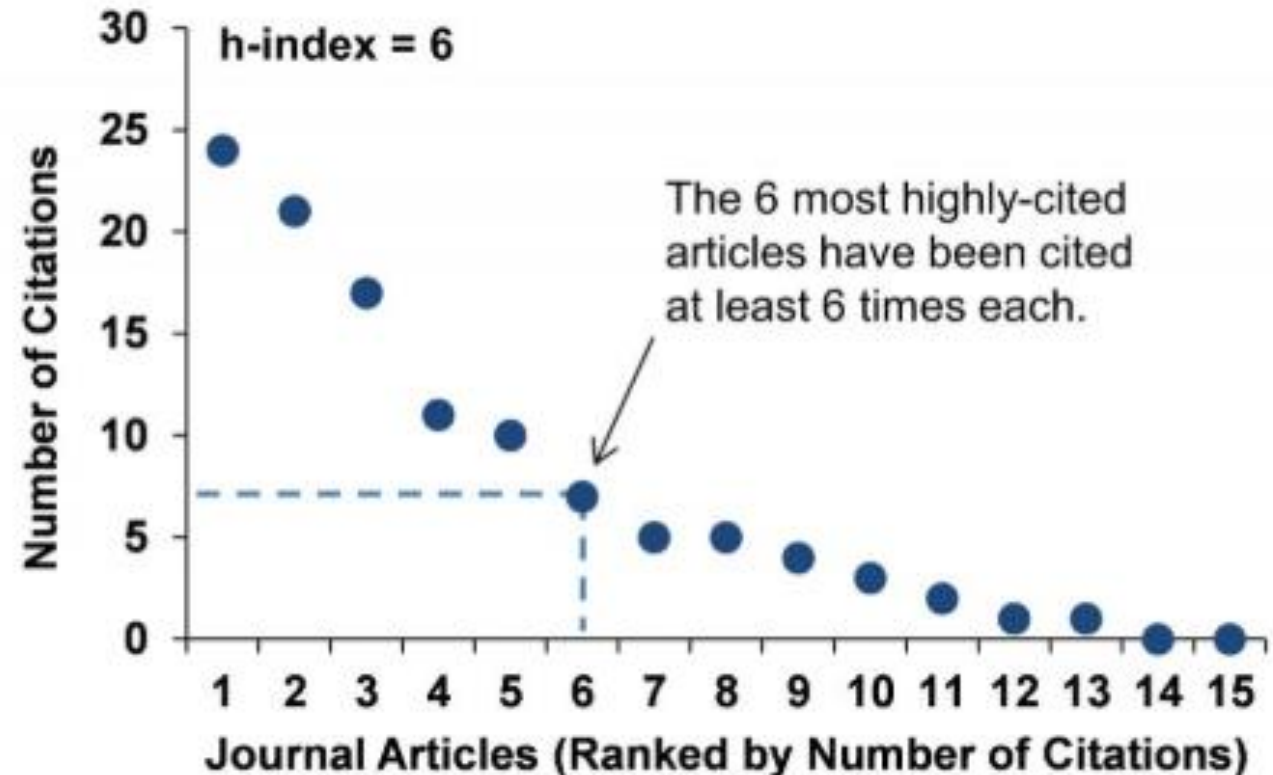
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# Hirsch index of an author

- author-level metric
  - measures
    - the productivity
    - citation impact



Author profile

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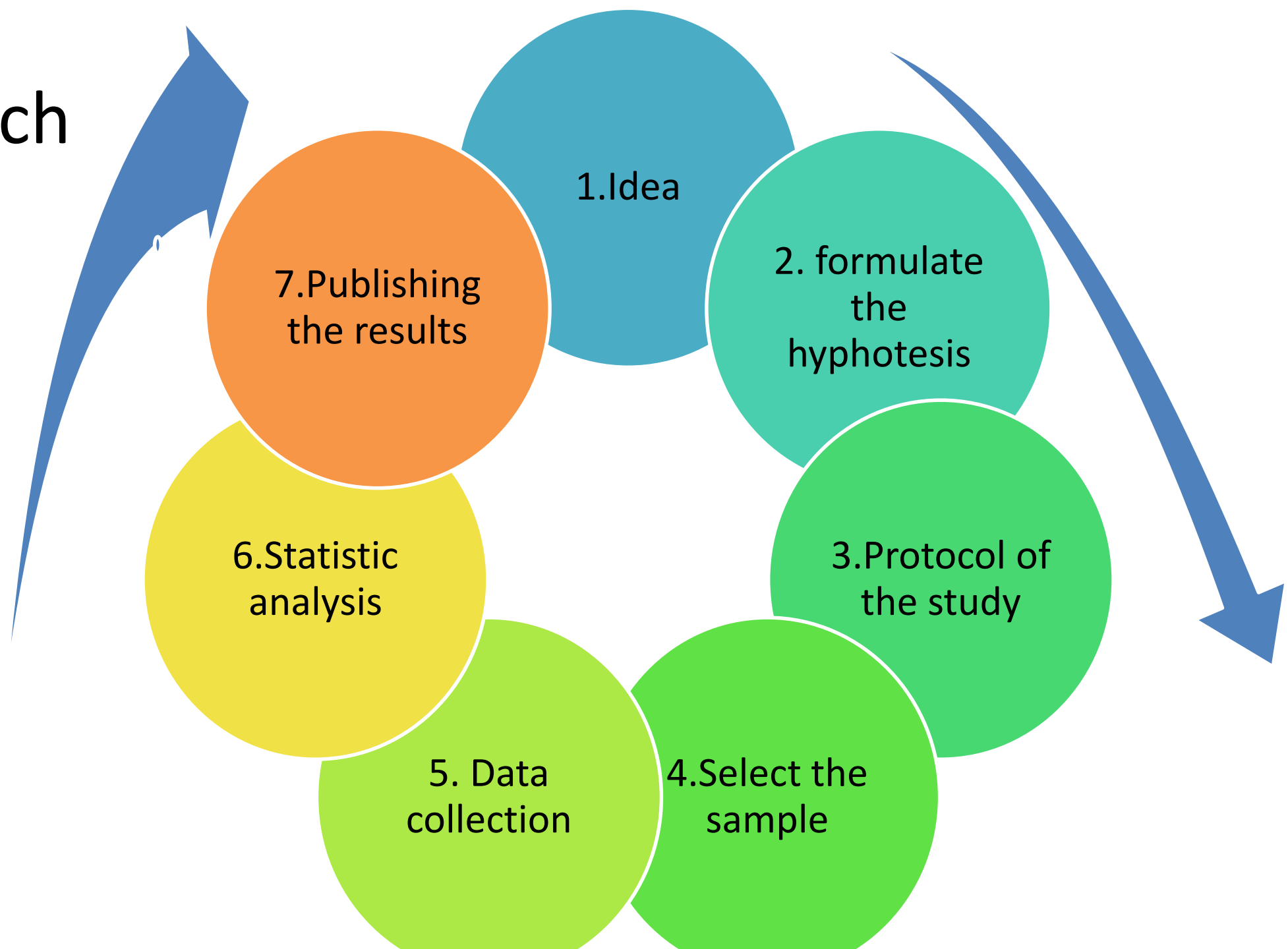


# Objective

- From idea to study
  - Study hypothesis
  - Population, sample
  - Study protocol



# Research





# How we get the idea? When?

- When we walk...





# When?

- when we read...



# When?

- when we sleep...





# How?

- we observed



# How?

- or From others...

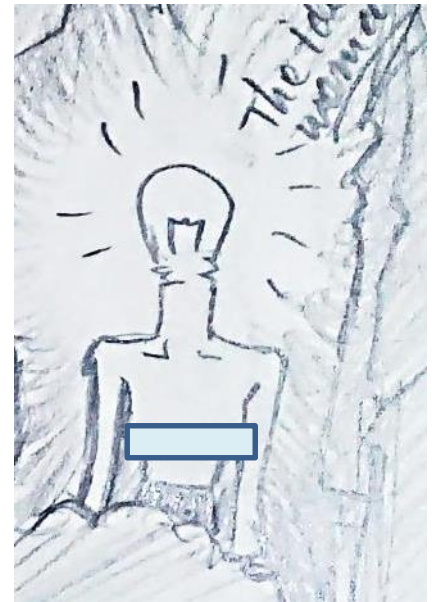




# How we get the idea?

- There are no recipe...

But once we have the idea...



Formulate the hypothesis



# Research method: scientific

- research hypothesis/study question

= what **we want to prove**

Formulating the hypothesis so that  
it can be tested

# Bibliographic study

- maybe it's not a **new** idea
- maybe it's a **very studied** idea
- maybe there are controversies....?
- how to do the study to answer the asked question?

!!!we need to inform ourselves

- **Bibliographic** documentation
  - justify the pertinence of the research

# Formulating a testable question

- From idea to hypothesis

Creative idea



standardization

Hypothesis

# From idea to hypothesis

- Dividing the research question into testable units

## Example

**Creative idea** - Pessimistic thinking leads to depression (Seligman ME. Optimism is learned. New York: A.A.Knopf, 1990)

- Example of testable units:
  - What is pessimistic thinking? [a diagnosis of pessimistic thinking](#)

Creating a questionnaire to establish the type of thinking: pessimistic/optimistic

- Are there degrees of pessimism?

Creating a questionnaire to establish [the degree of pessimism](#)

- Is there an [association](#) between depression and pessimistic thinking?
- **case-control study**: Do depressed people think pessimistically to a greater extent than people without depression?
- **cohort study**: People who have pessimistic thinking will become depressed to a greater extent than those who do not have pessimistic thinking
- **experimental study**: If we “cure” pessimistic thinking, then people will no longer be depressed

# Different hypothesis depending on:

- If the idea is not new, than find
  - a new population (persons)
  - a new place
  - a new time



# Population



## Ex. Who gets/doesn't get the disease?

- Criteria:
  - **Age** – children, young people, adults or the elderly
  - **Sex** – women or men
  - **Race** – white, black, etc.
  - **Genetic predisposition**
  - **Risk behavior**: smokers, sedentary, alcoholics
  - **Education level**
  - **Profession**

# Place

**Where does/doesn't the disease occur?**

- **Criteria:**
  - Climate
  - Altitude
  - Population density
  - Housing type
  - Pollution Level
  - Economic Development
  - Nutritional Habits
  - Level of Medical Services





# Time

## When does/doesn't the disease appear?

- Criteria:
- Morning/Noon/Evening/Night?
- Winter/Spring/...
- It's repetitive
- Time since an event
- Evolution is in stages/time



# Formulation of the hypothesis

- $H_0$ : null hypothesis
- $H_a$ : alternative hypothesis – usually this is the hypothesis of the study

# Hypotesis (Finer)

It must be as simple as possible

novel

**relevant**

irrelevance - see IgNobel Prize

ethics

fesible (to be achievable)

# Relevance? Ig Nobel Prize

## IgNobel Prize – Study That Makes You Laugh, Due to Its Lack of Relevance

- **Pavlo Blavatskyy: The obesity of politicians in a country can be a good indicator of the corruption of that country.** “Obesity of Politicians and Corruption in Post-Soviet Countries,” Pavlo Blavatskyy, *Economic of Transition and Institutional Change*, vol. 29, no. 2, 2021, pp. 343-356.
- **Ethan Beseris: Beards are an adaptation of men to punches in the face.** “Impact Protection Potential of Mammalian Hair: Testing the Pugilism Hypothesis for the Evolution of Human Facial Hair,” Ethan A. Beseris, Steven E. Naleway, David R. Carrier, *Integrative Organismal Biology*, vol. 2, no. 1, 2020, obaa005.
- **Silvano Gallus: Pizza is a protective factor in disease and death, but only if it is made and consumed in Italy.** “Does Pizza Protect Against Cancer?“, Silvano Gallus, Cristina Bosetti, Eva Negri, Renato Talamini, Maurizio Montella, Ettore Conti, Silvia Franceschi, and Carlo La Vecchia, *International Journal of Cancer*, vol. 107, no. 2, November 1, 2003, pp. 283-284.

# Feasibility? Some hypotheses cannot be proven

Examples:

- If we dream of dogs we will have an illness
- Friday the 13th brings bad luck
- Etc.
- Feasible = can be achieved



Thank you!