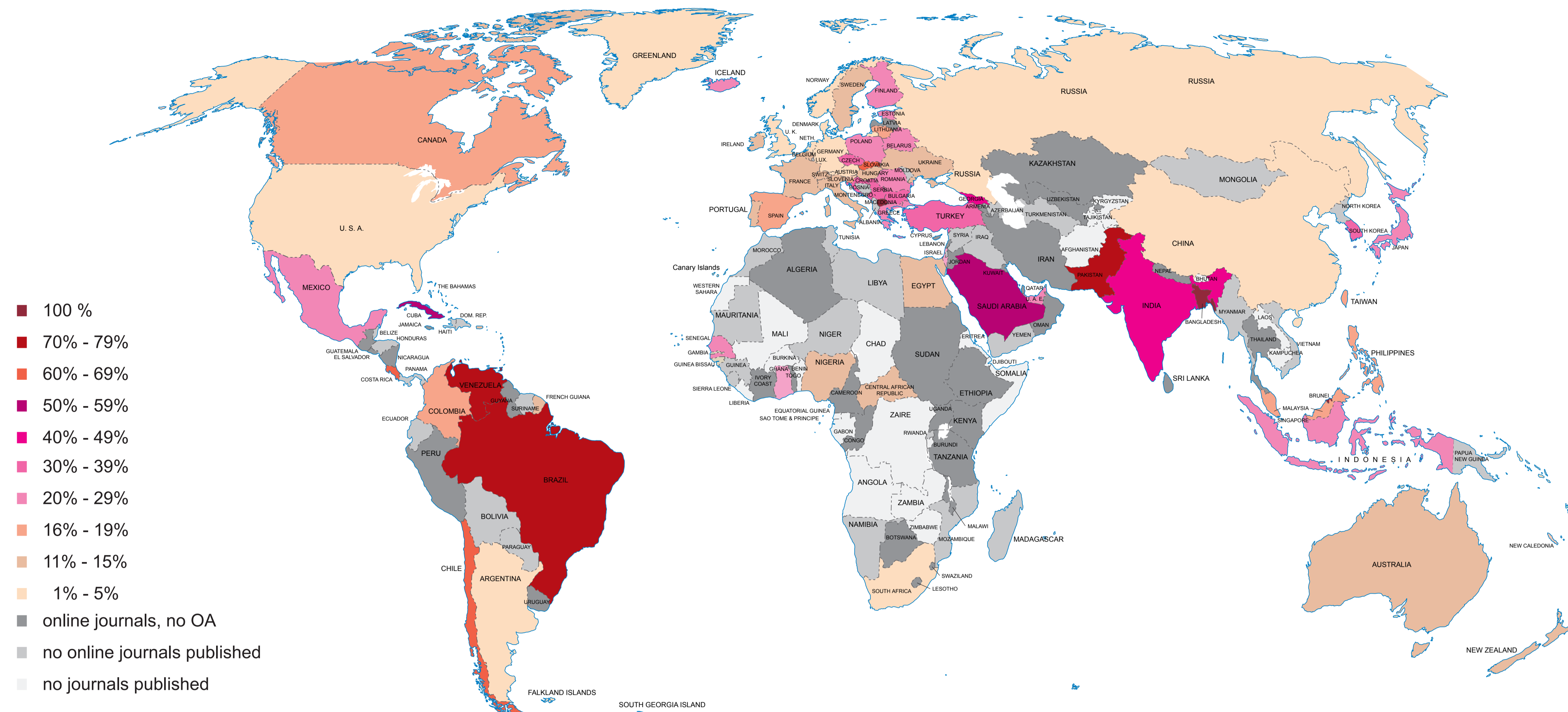


THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS

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MAP: WORLD DISTRIBUTION OF OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS AS SHARE OF SCHOLARLY ONLINE JOURNALS IN INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES

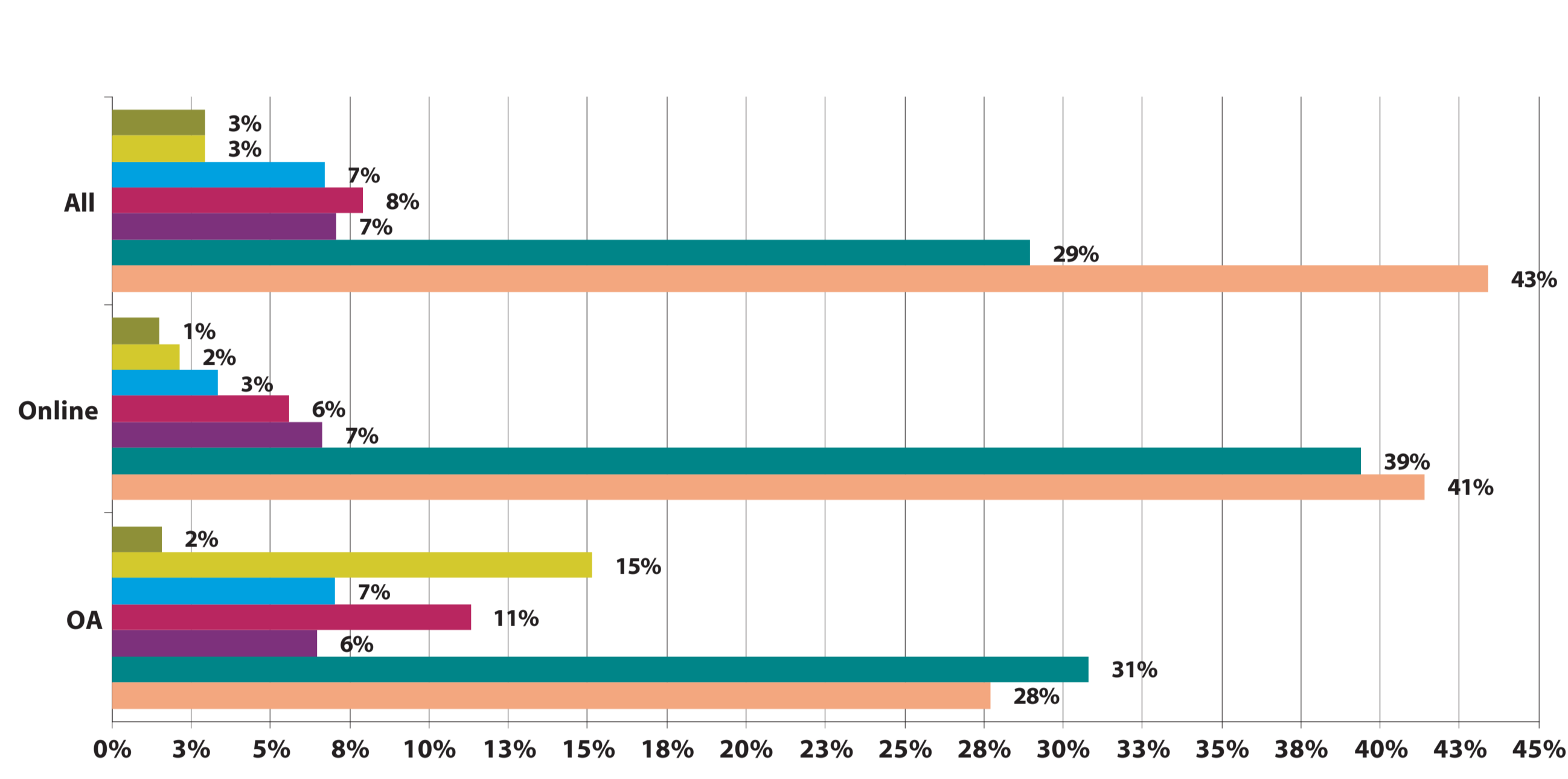
TOP 25 PUBLISHING COUNTRIES

All Journals	Online	Open Access
1 USA	USA	USA
2 UK	UK	UK
3 Germany	Netherlands	Brazil
4 Netherlands	China	Japan
5 China	Germany	India
6 Japan	Australia	Canada
7 Italy	Canada	Australia
8 France	Japan	Germany
9 Australia	France	Chile
10 Poland	Switzerland	Venezuela
11 Canada	Russia	Spain
12 India	Italy	France
13 Spain	Spain	Italy
14 Switzerland	Denmark	Pakistan
15 Russia	Brazil	Switzerland
16 Belgium	Sweden	Poland
17 Austria	South Africa	Mexico
18 Sweden	India	Turkey
19 Denmark	Singapore	China
20 Brazil	New Zealand	South Korea
21 South Africa	Norway	Czech Republic
22 Singapore	Austria	Croatia
23 Egypt	Ireland	Netherlands
24 Norway	Mexico	Sweden
25 Czech Republic	Poland	Finland

non high-income country

Source: Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, May 2005

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOLARLY JOURNALS



Source: Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, May 2005

MOTIVATION

According to a recent study (McVeigh 2004) the regional distribution of Open Access (OA) journals in the ISI citation databases differs significantly from the overall distribution of journals, namely in favour of peripheral areas and regions constituted pre-dominantly of poorer countries.

QUESTIONS

Is the geographic distribution of OA journals in general more favourable towards peripheral publishing countries?
How does it differ from the distribution of scholarly journals in general?
Which proportions of scholarly journals and of scholarly online journals are OA in different regions and in groups of economically similar countries?

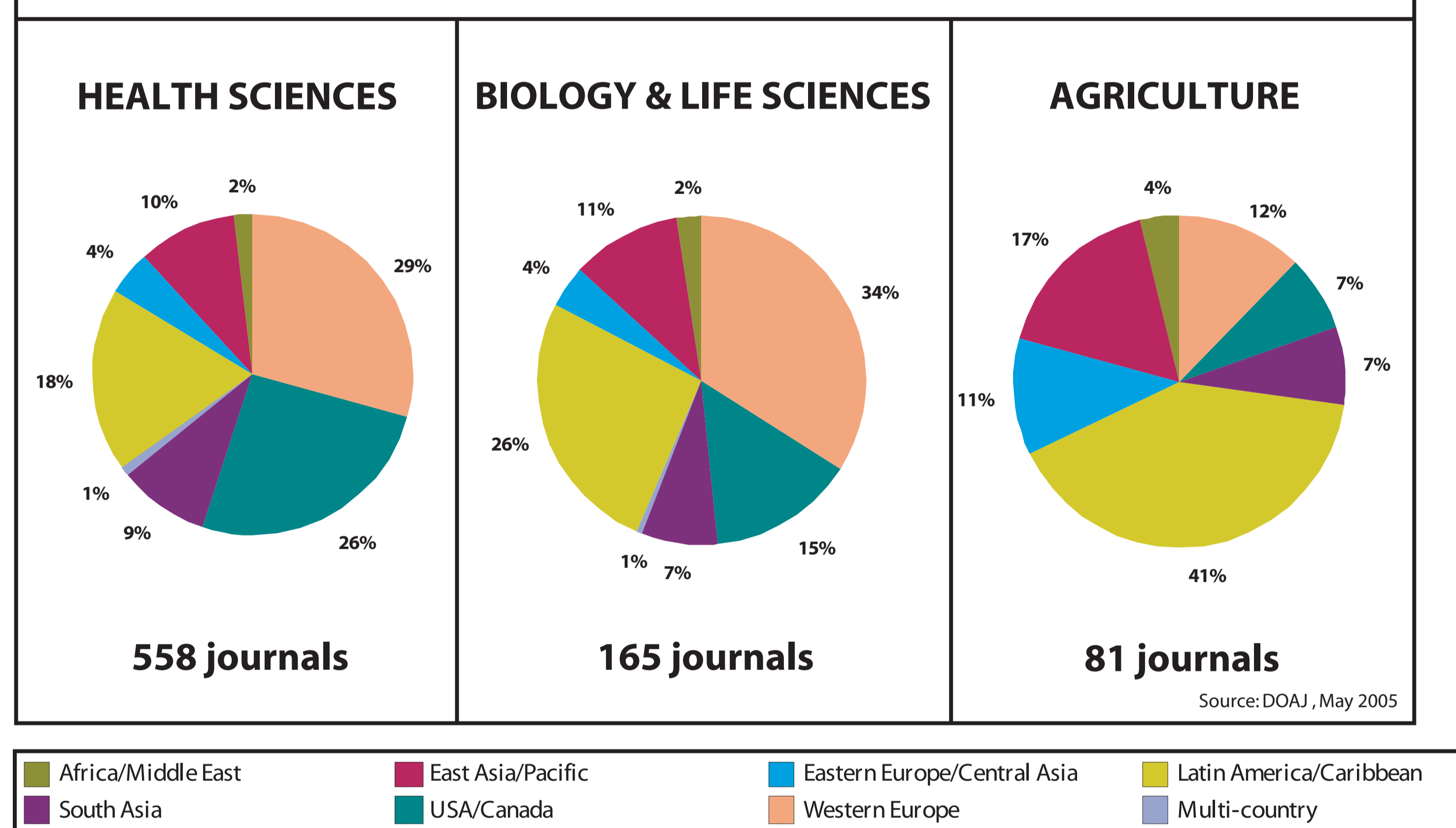
DATA & METHOD

Journal publishing data for active academic/scholarly journals was gathered from Ulrich's Periodicals Directory as well as the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ) and was analysed using descriptive statistical techniques. The results are indicative and are meant to invite different interpretations. Data gathered in May 2005.

	All	Online	Open Access
Ulrich's	47406	16897	1250
DOAJ	-	-	1535

Note: McVeigh, M. E. (2004). Open Access Journals in the ISI citation databases: Analysis of Impact Factors and Citation Patterns. Thomson Corporation

REGIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF OA JOURNALS: BY SUBJECT

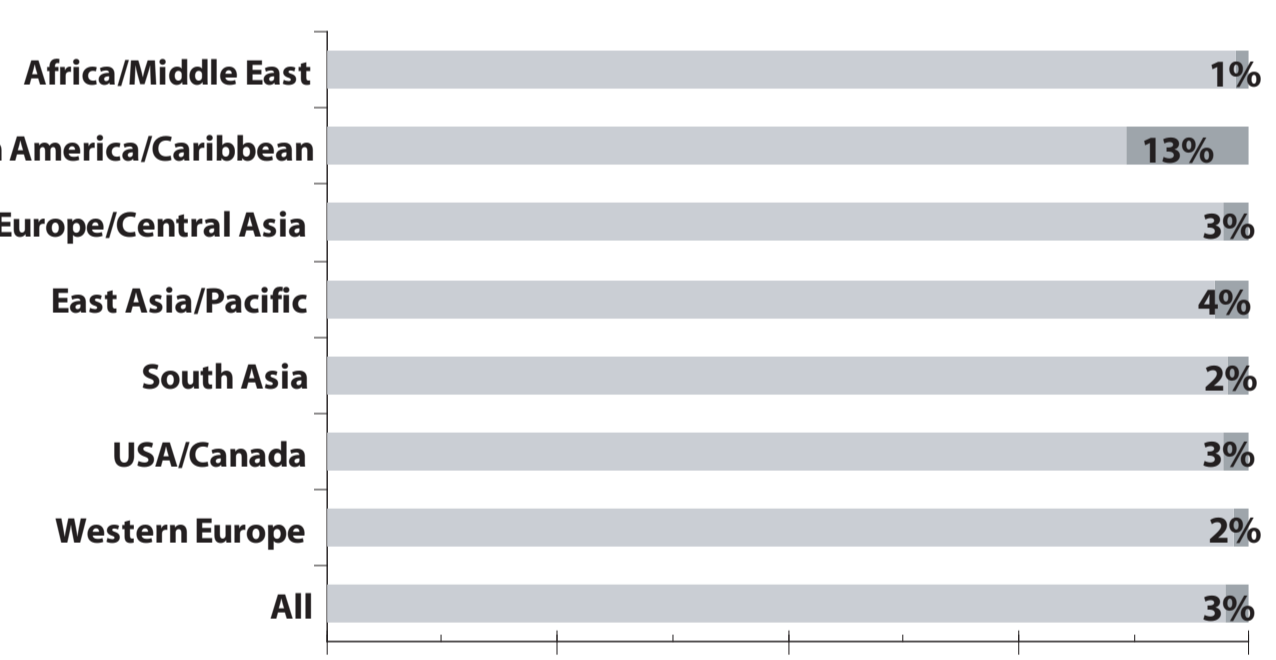


ABBREVIATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS:

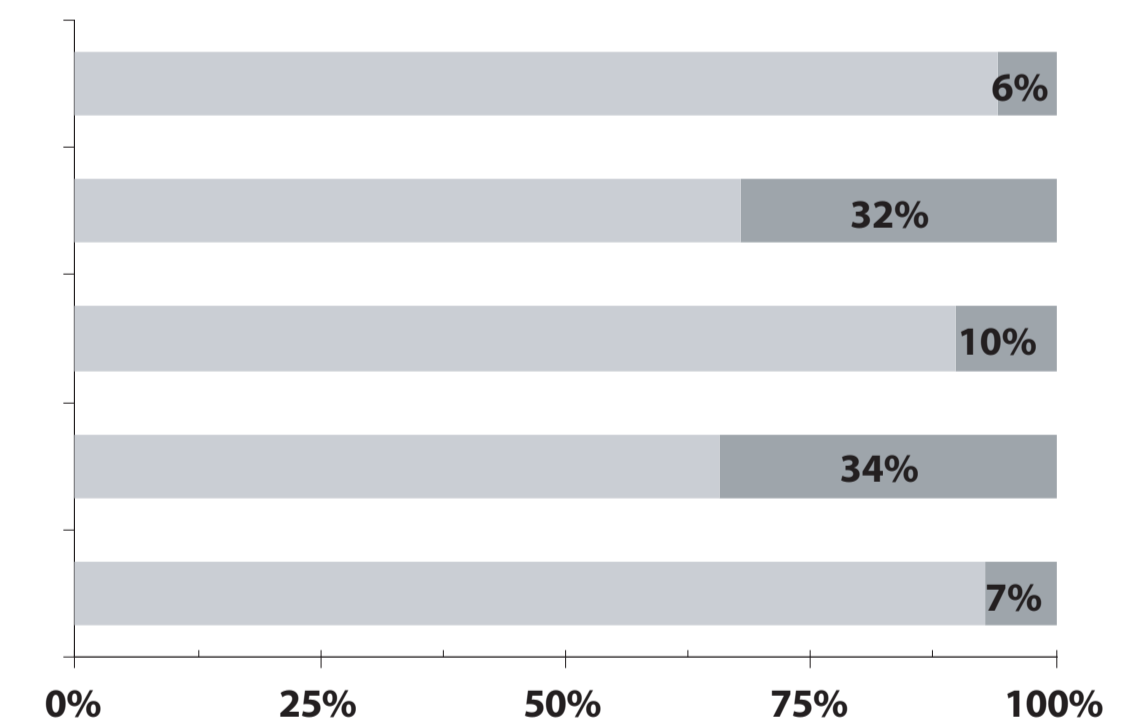
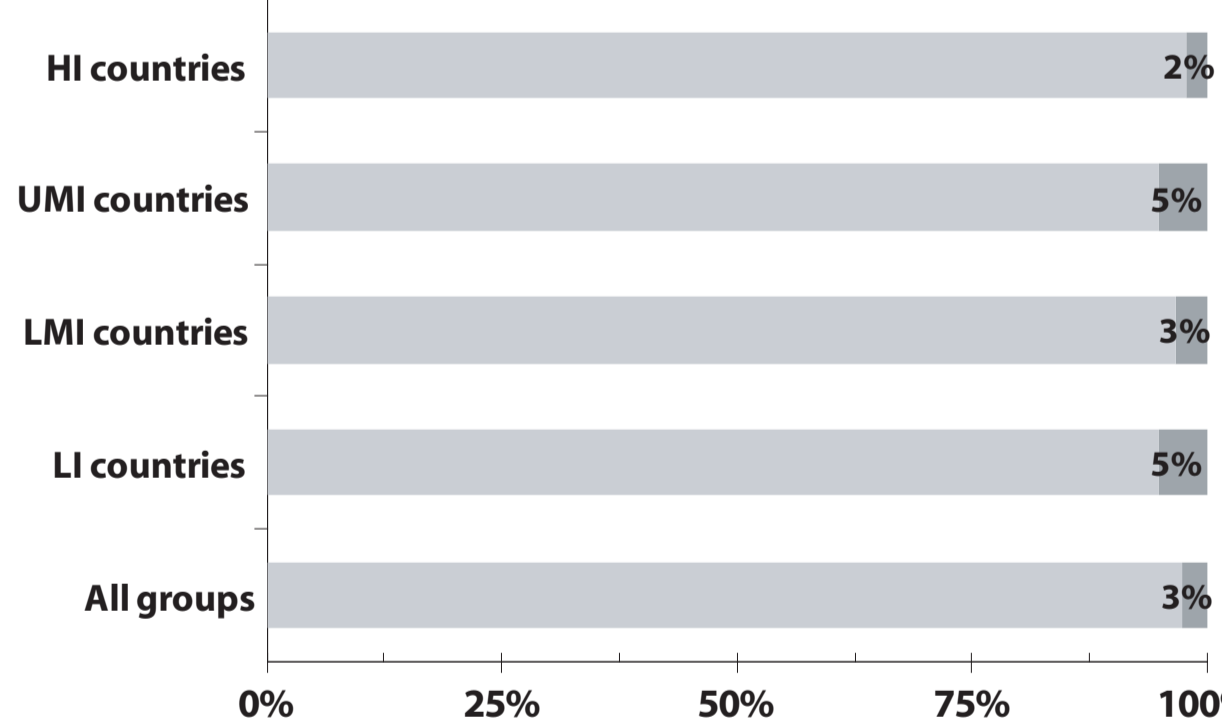
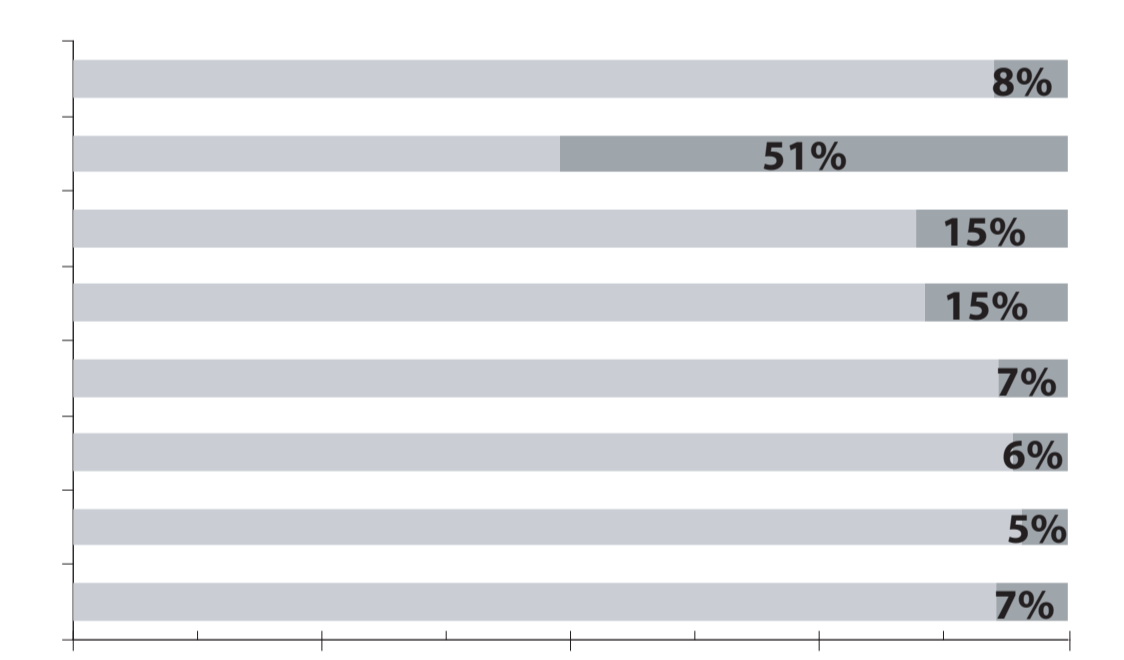
HI: High Income (GNI \$10066 or more), UMI: Upper Middle Income (GNI \$3256 - \$10065), LMI: Lower Middle Income (GNI \$826 - \$3255), LI: Low Income (GNI \$825 or less). See World Bank Classification of Economies: <http://www.worldbank.org/data/countryclass/countryclass.html> [30/08/2005]
WESTERN EUROPE: Pre-enlargement EU plus Norway, Iceland, Switzerland, SOUTH ASIA: India, Pakistan, China, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Singapore (Hong Kong was treated as part of China) MULTI-COUNTRY: More than one publishing country, no GNI classification

OPEN ACCESS JOURNALS AS PROPORTION OF

ALL ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY JOURNALS



ACADEMIC/SCHOLARLY ONLINE JOURNALS



Source: Ulrich's Periodicals Directory, May 2005