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User involvement to reduce research waste - a user perspective

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Background

In 2014, the Lancet published a series on research waste where it was estimated that 85% of biomedical research is wasted. Research waste has two important implications for users.

1. Firstly, it makes participating in research projects dangerous.
2. Secondly, scarce resources are being used unnecessarily to fund research projects that have little or no value to users.

Project aim

This project aims to open a discussion of how users want, and should, be involved in the research process to reduce research waste. When research is no longer wasted, evidence can become a common good.

Project methods

Identifying ways in which user involvement can help to address the issue of research waste is crucial. Discussing the issue is an important step.

Project results

This project is meant to open a discussion with conference attendees and therefore no results can be presented here.

Preliminary or final conclusions/discussion

Many policies and guidelines for user involvement in R&D have already been developed, but the issue of research waste prevails. High-quality research should not be dependent on users being part of every step of the research process. Users are important, but in setting research priorities to reduce research waste they are indispensable.