



**ASAPbio**

preprint

preferences

survey

2016.05.22

# 357 total responses

Each question was optional



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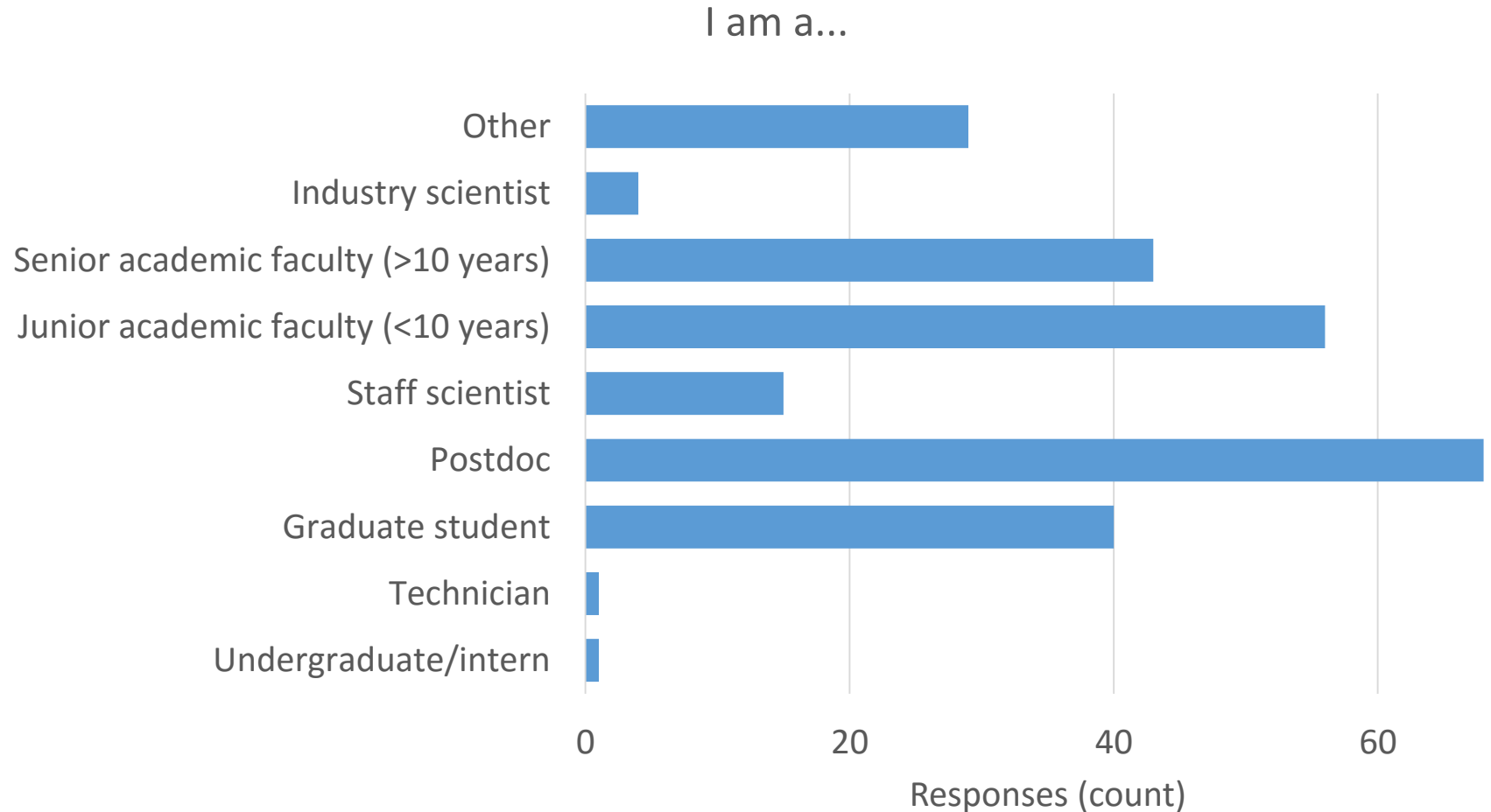
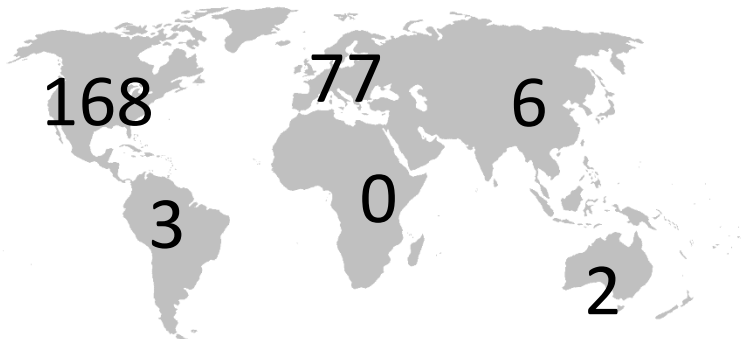
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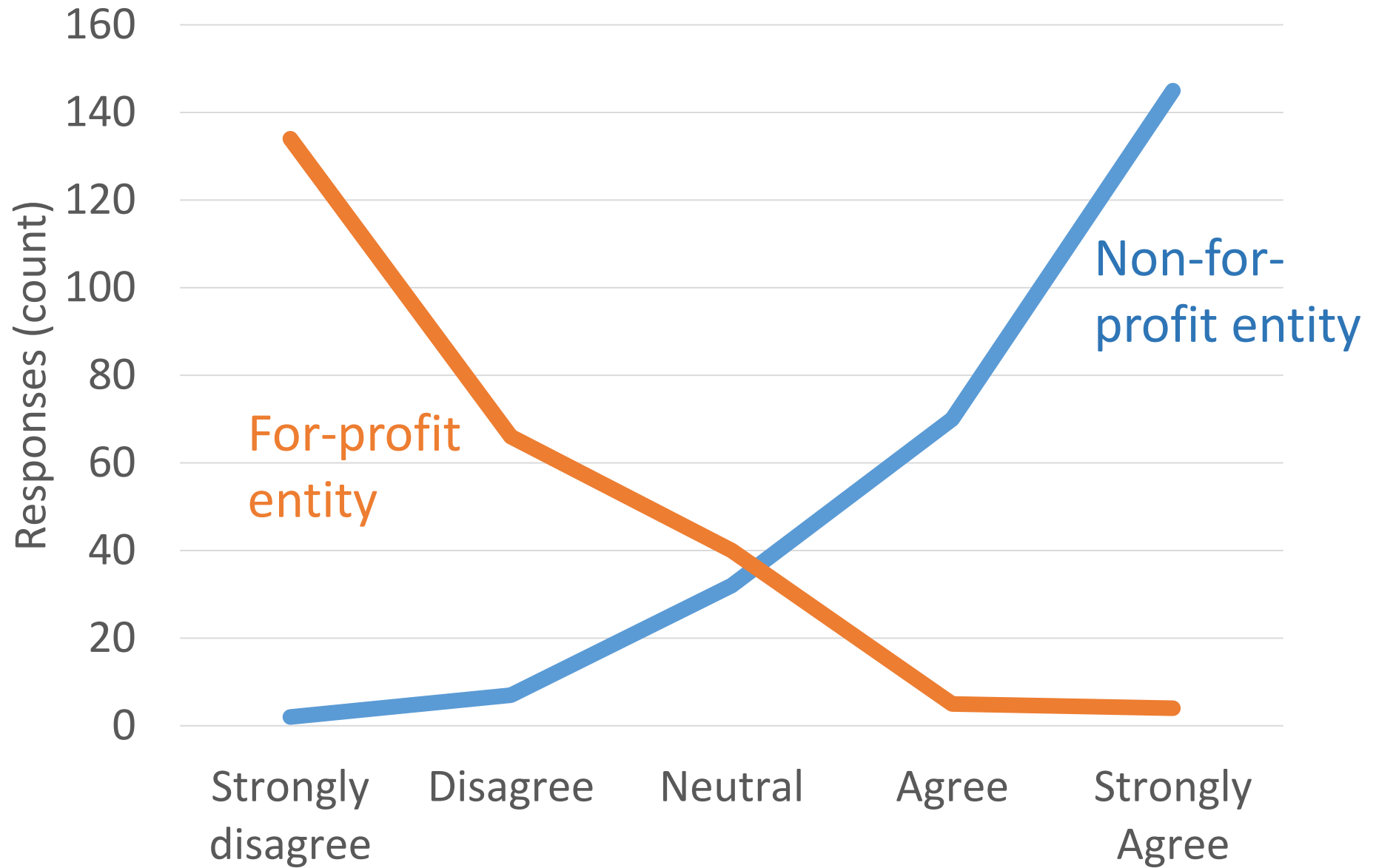
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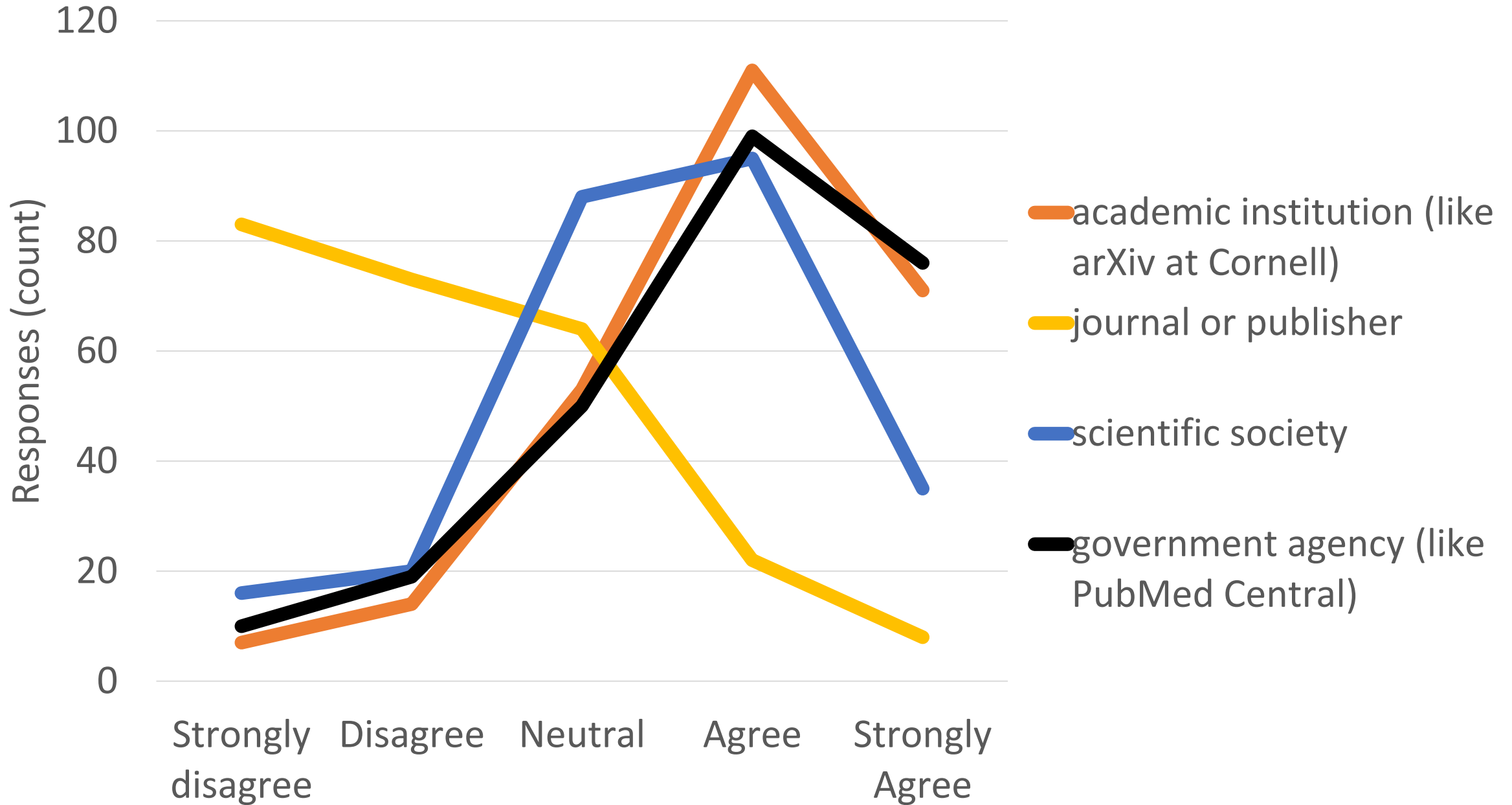
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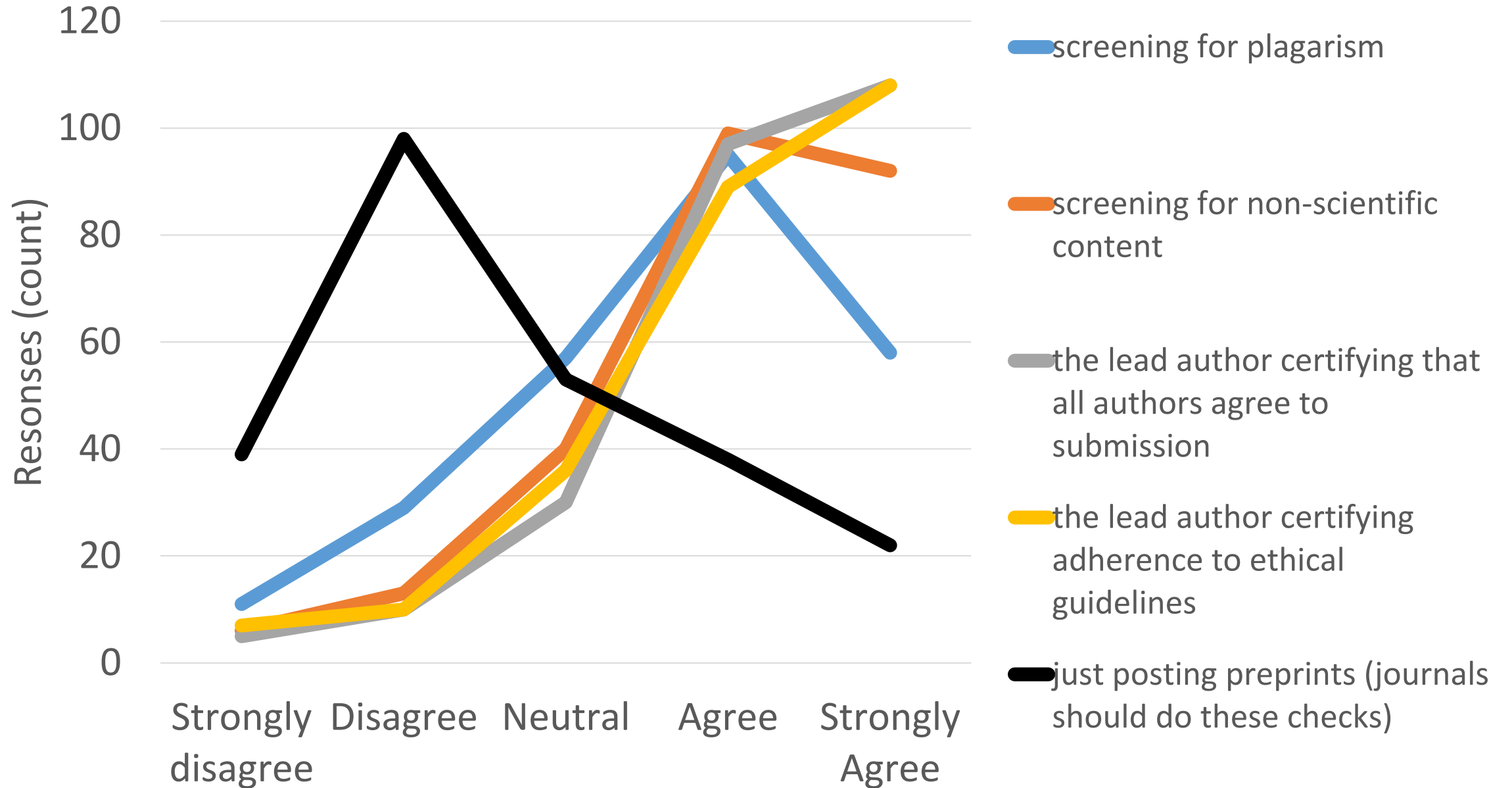
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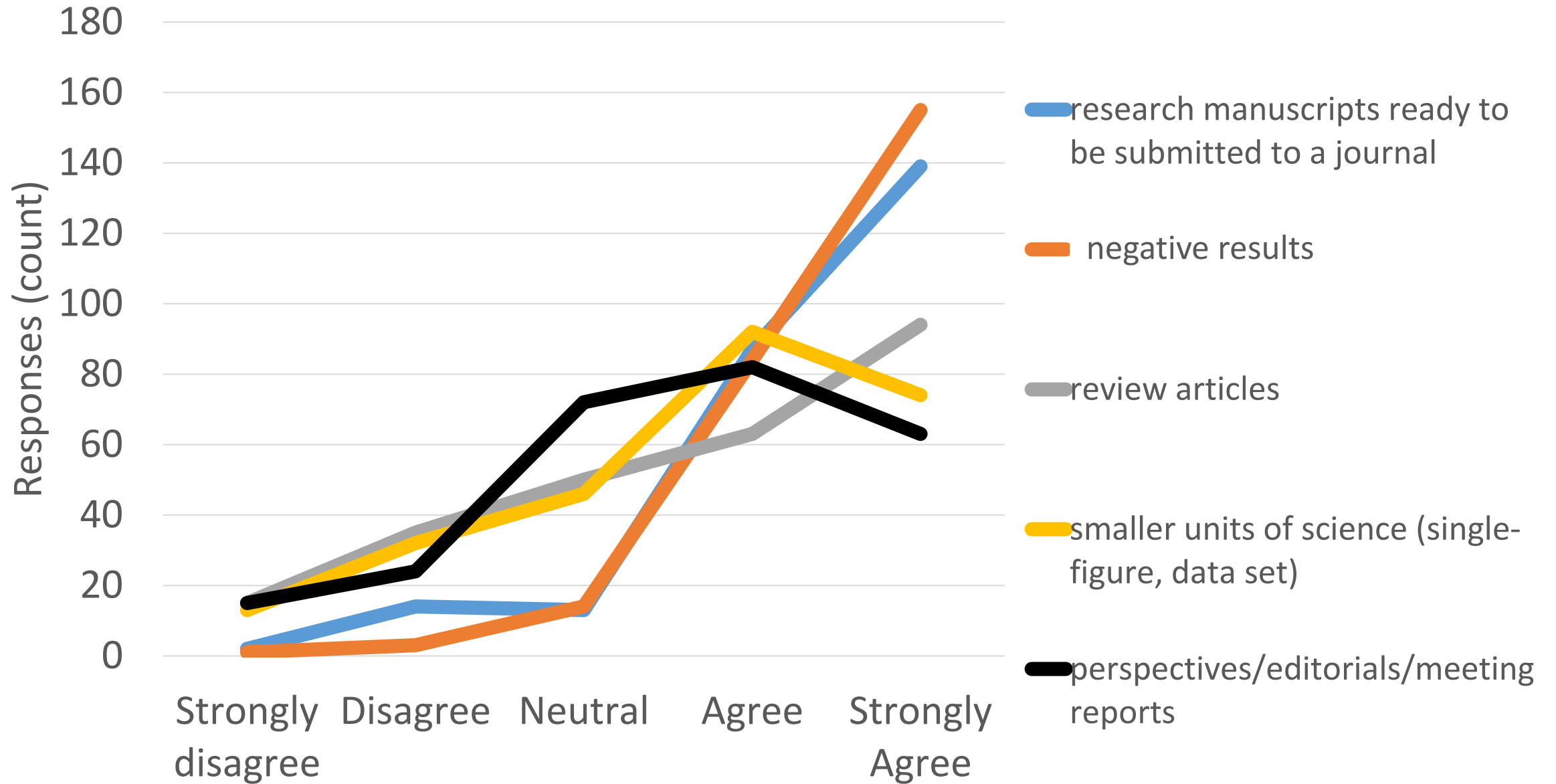
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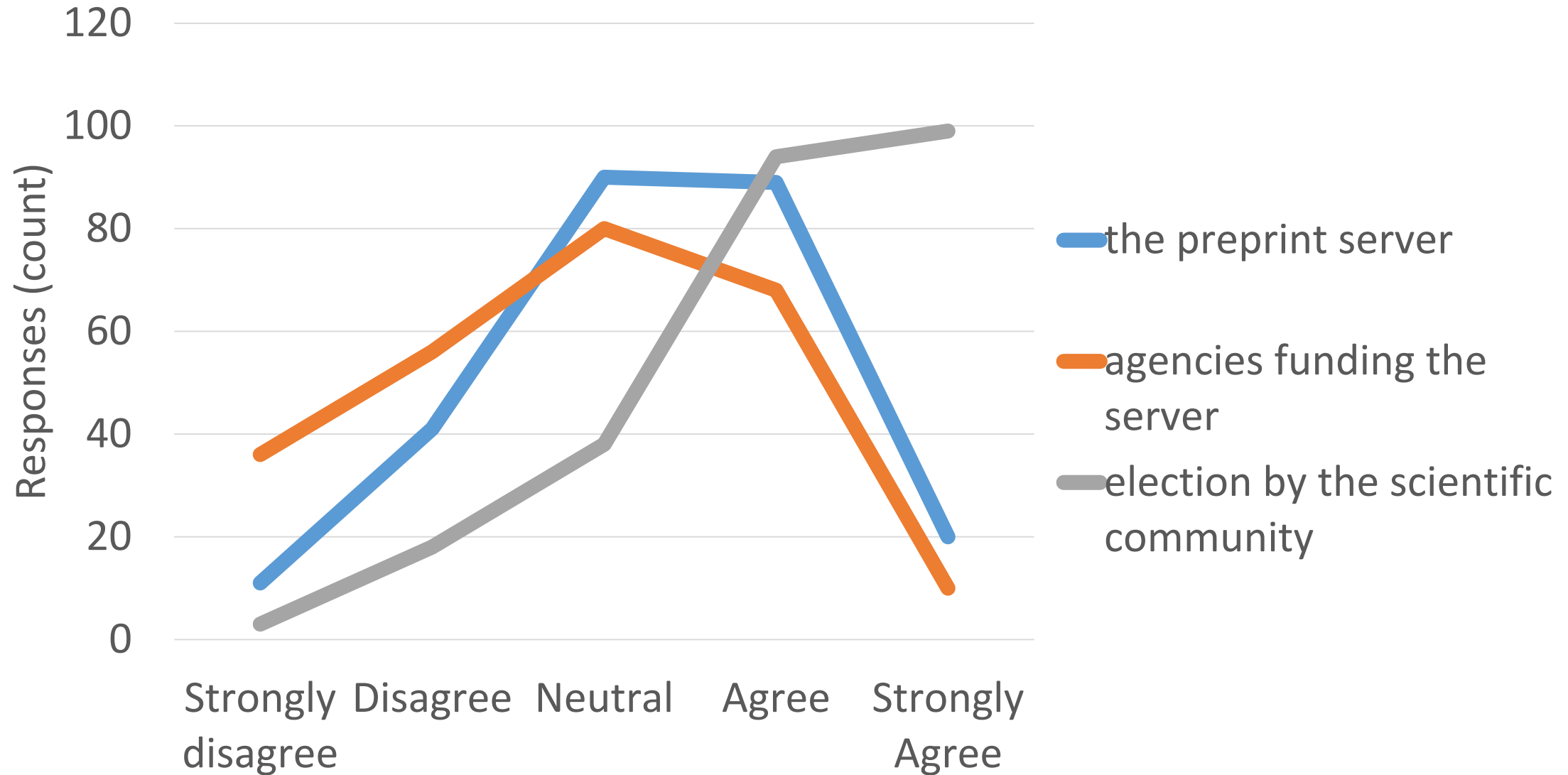
# Preprint servers should be responsible for...



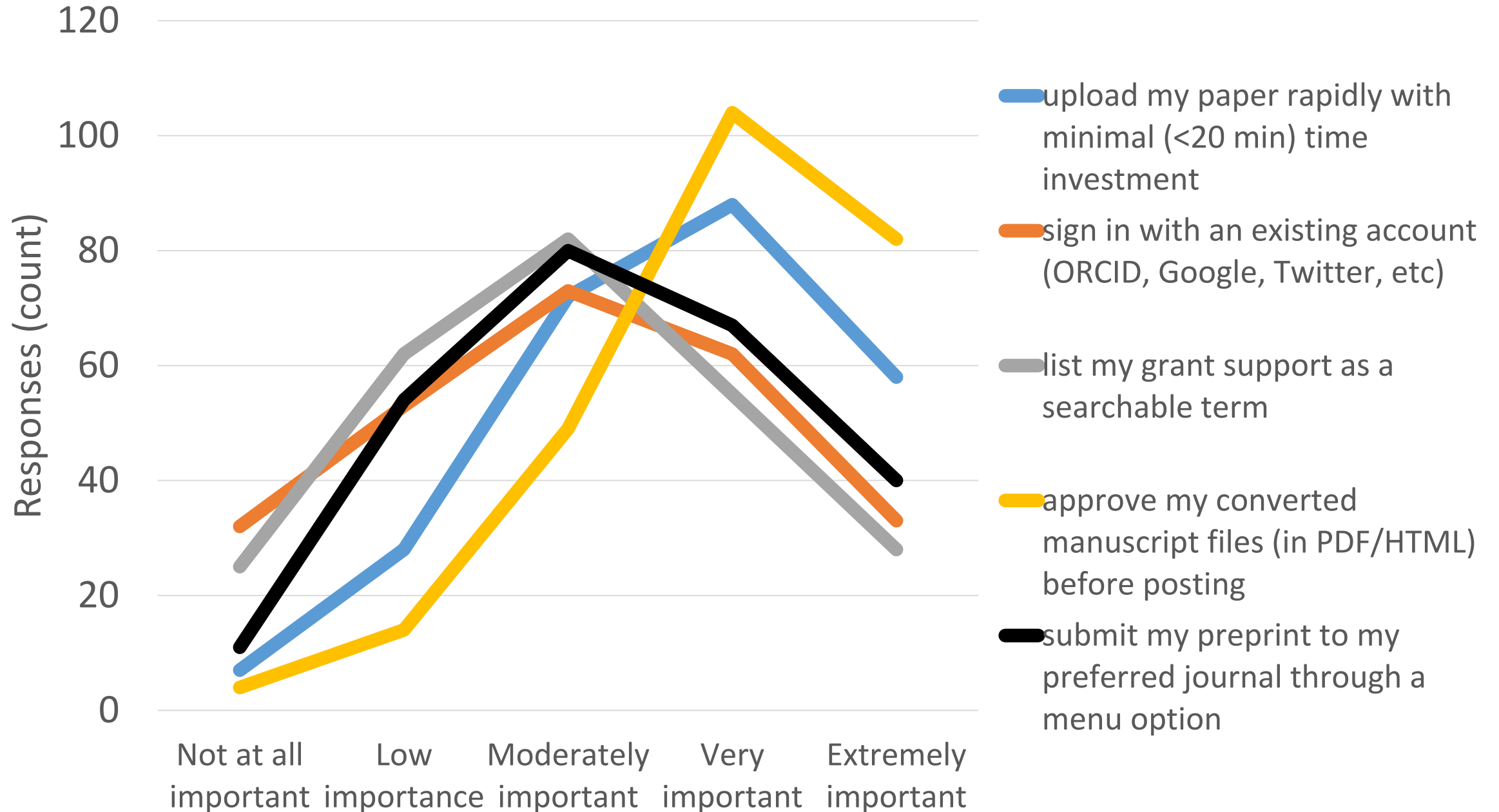
# Preprint servers should post...



# A governing body (eg Board of Directors) for a preprint server should be appointed by...

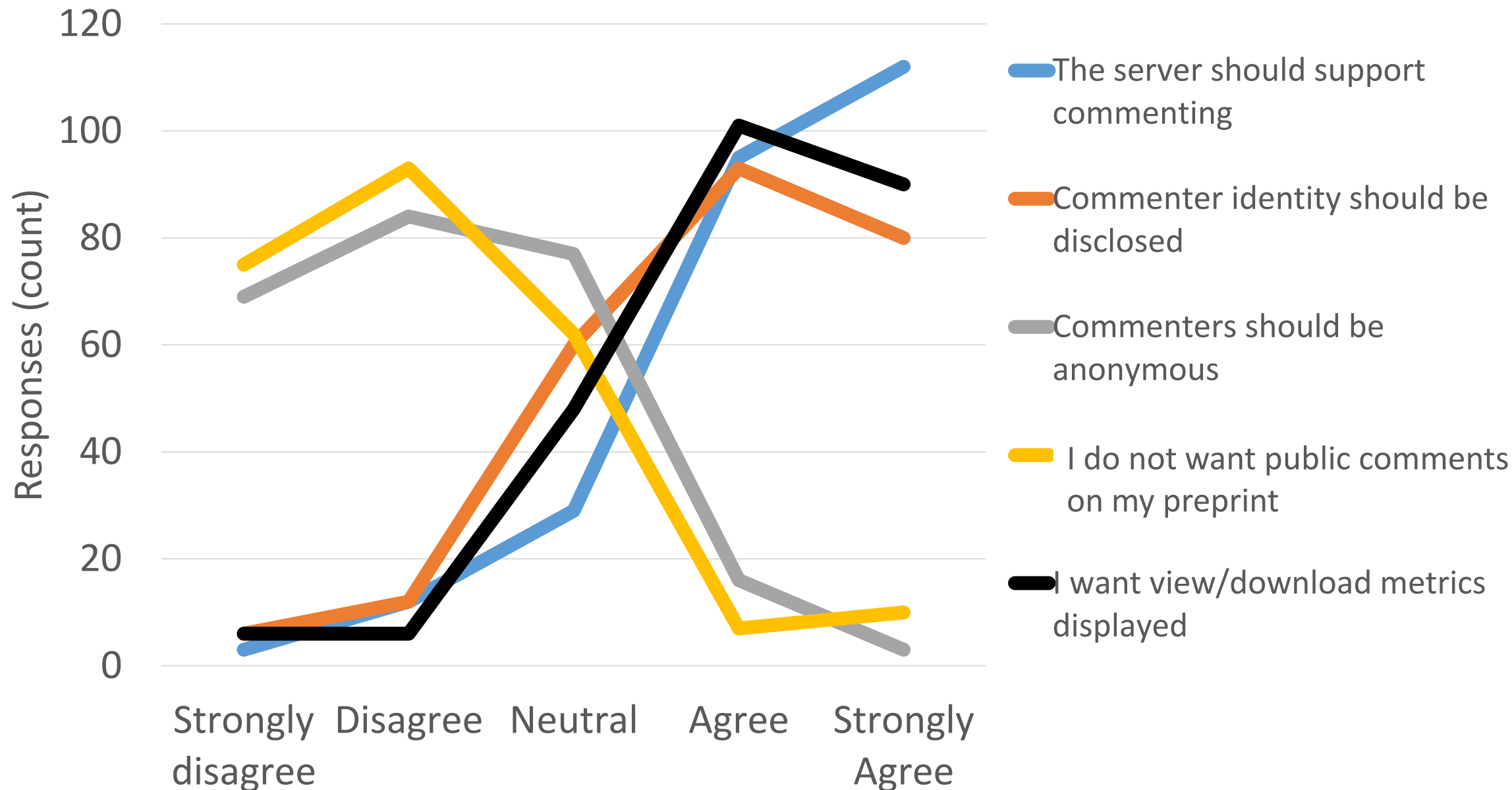


# During the submission process, I want to...

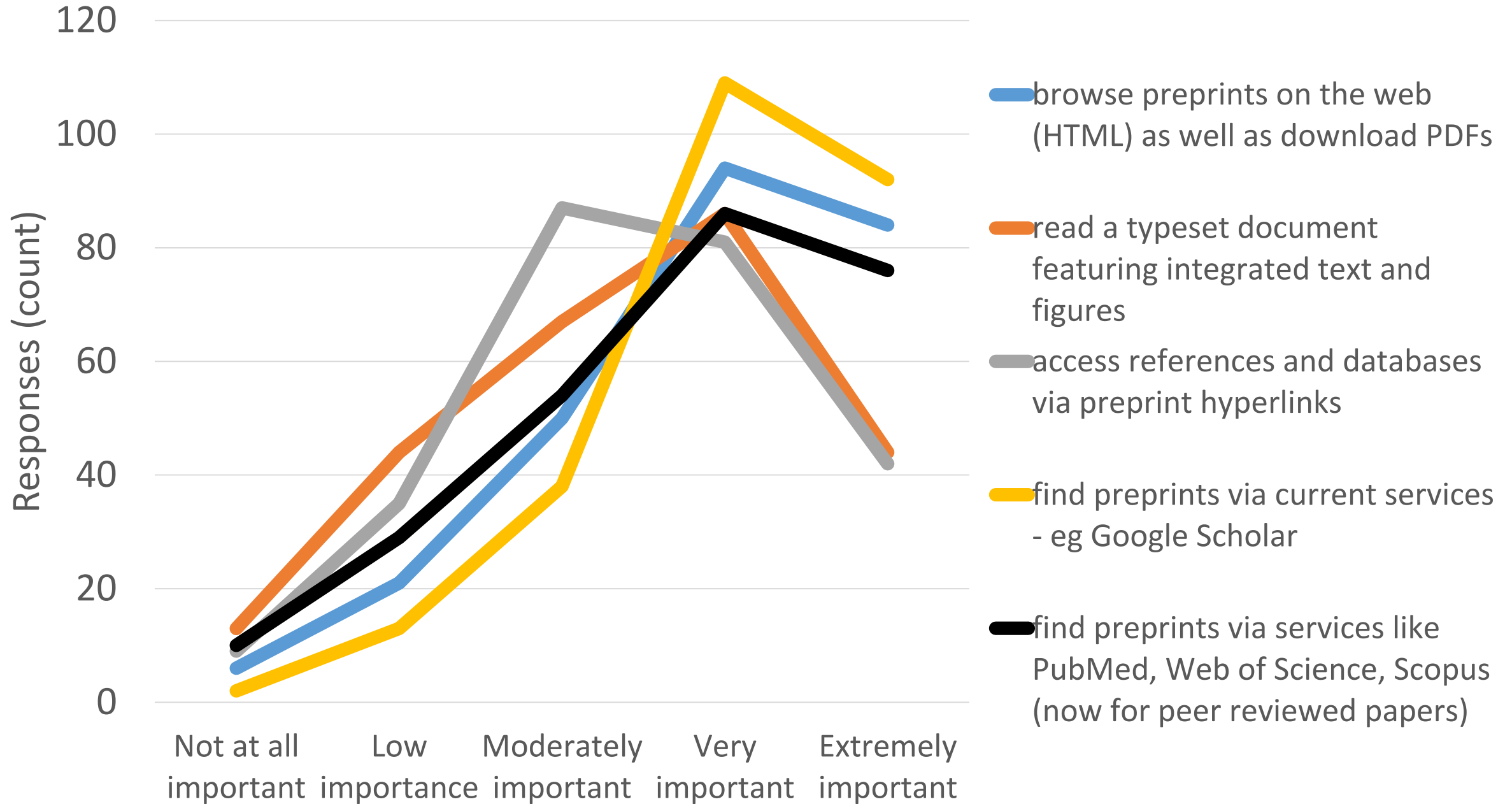




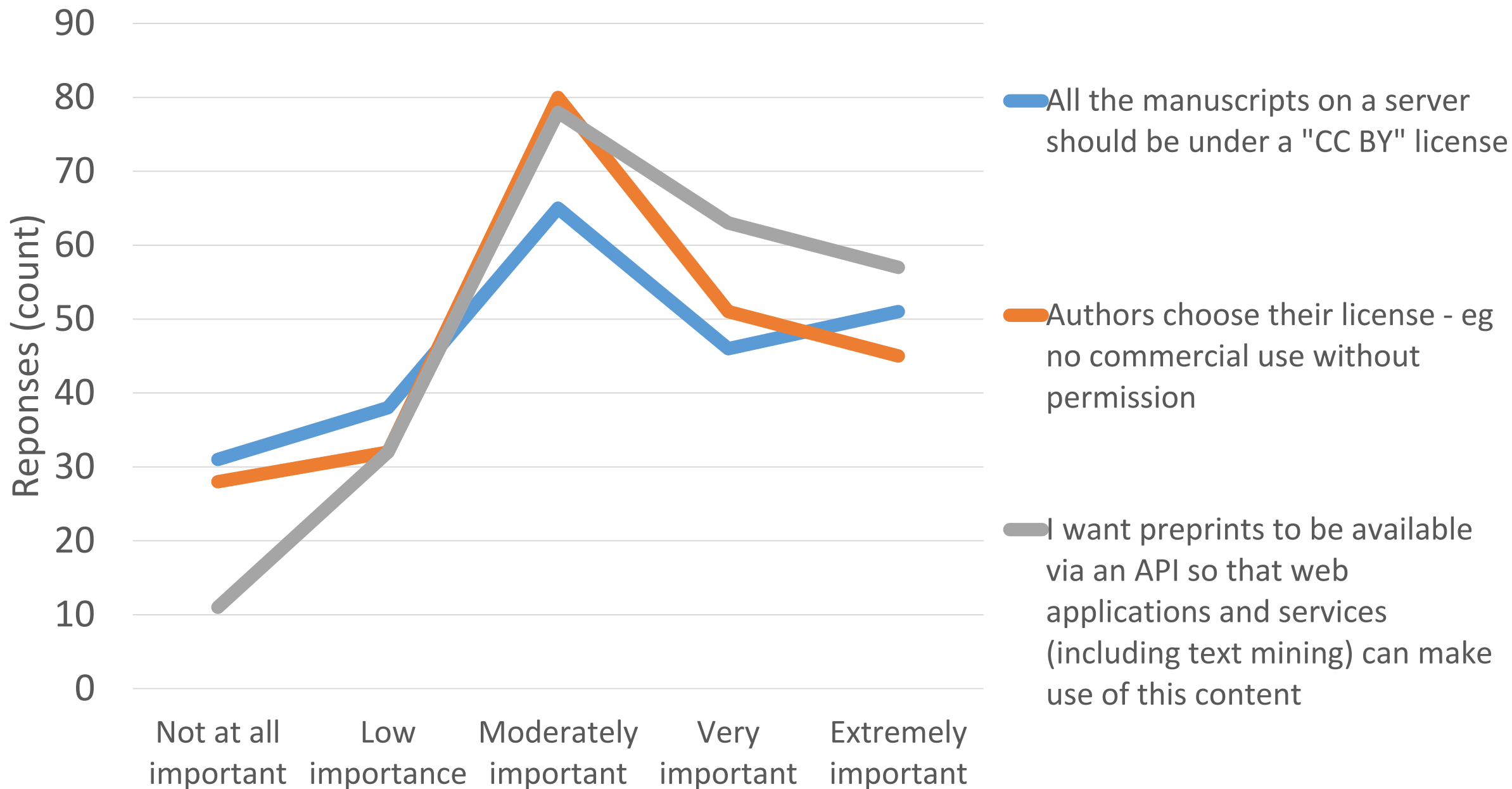
# General preprint server features



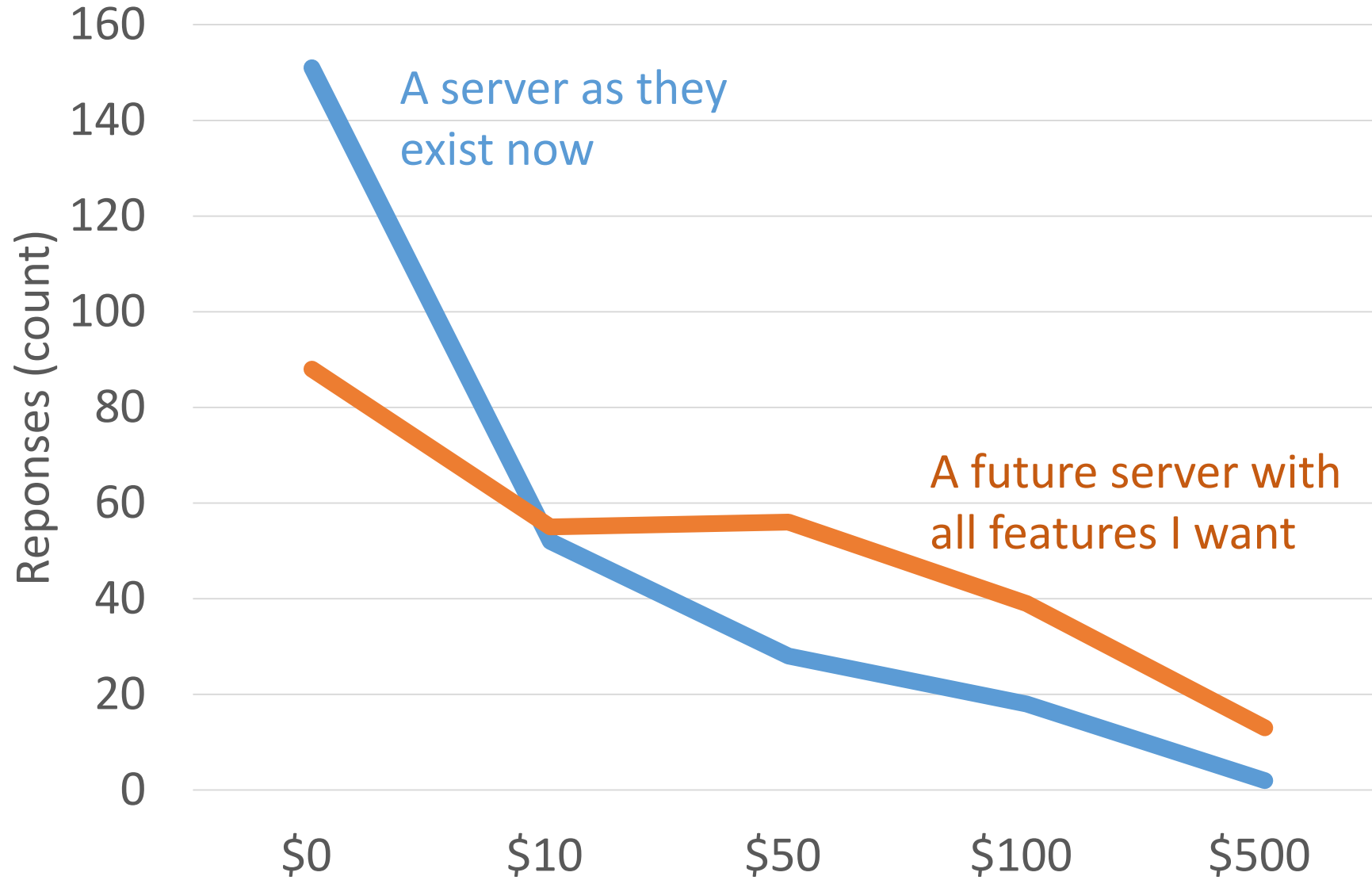
# As a reader, I want to...



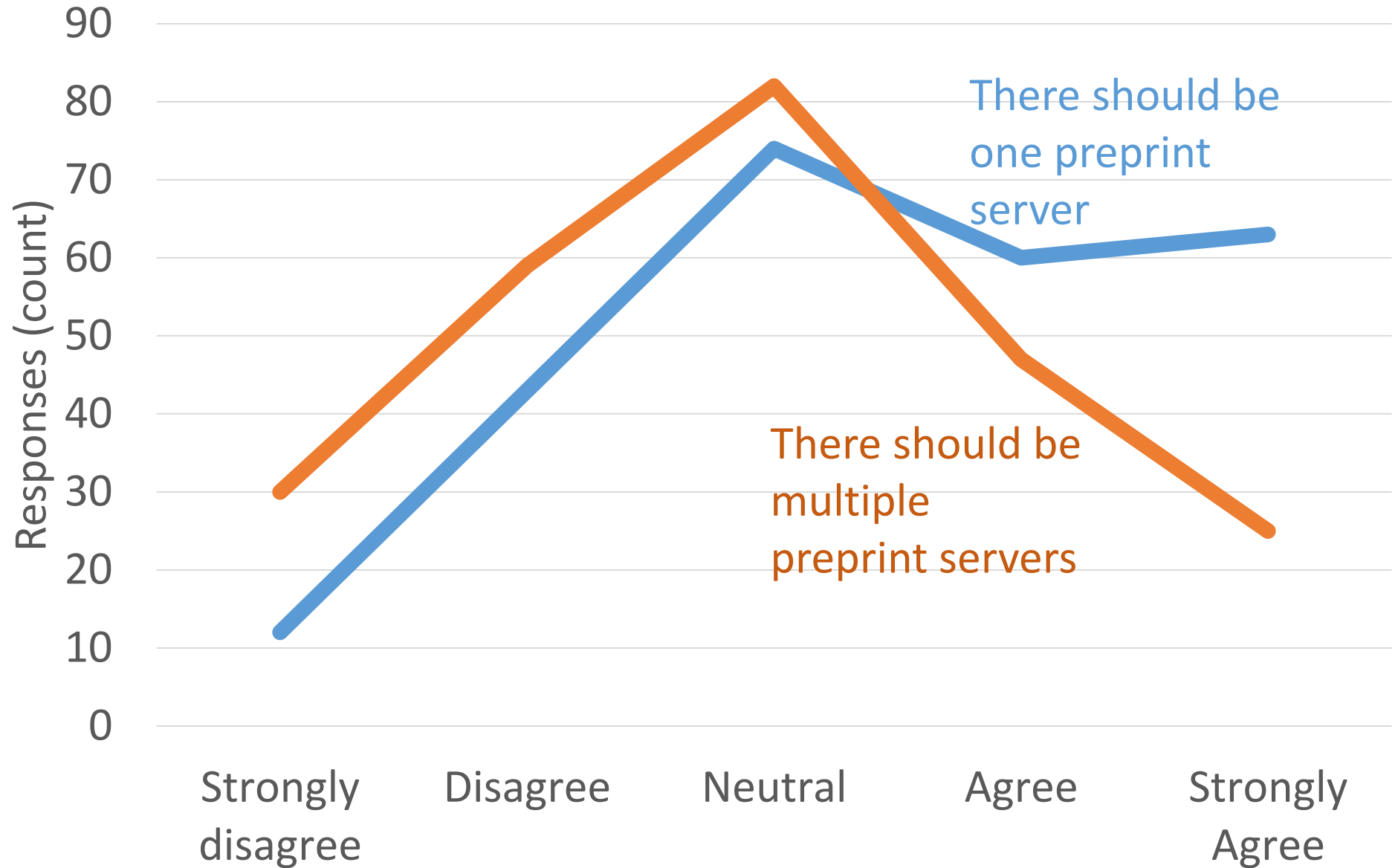
# Licensing & APIs



# I feel that scientists should pay \$\_\_ to upload a preprint...



# One vs. multiple preprint servers



# Why?

Don't dilute this.

Simplicity. One point of search, no additional stratification of the 'good' or 'glamorous' server.

One vetted place where I know I can find and trust preprint articles

Multiple servers = fragmentation. Which will lead to confusion and lack of adoption.

I don't think it matters either way as long as they have similar operating principles and openness/exposure to search etc.

I am neutral because I don't know the relative merits of either option.

A meta-server would be best. It is hopeless to try to make it one preprint server.

Both are wrong. Maybe limited [# of servers] is the right answer.

It won't matter as long as they are searchable via existing web search.

Centralization leads to power, which leads to abuse of power. Decentralization is more democratic.

Competition is a good thing.

One is a single point of failure. There already are multiple servers, and this encourages innovation.

Different scientific communities have different publishing cultures. A one-size-fits all server is unlikely to be able to serve all of them adequately.

# *Summary*

## Desired characteristics

- Non-profit model
- Low cost for upload
- Quality control
- Scientist-elected governance
- Non-traditional posts (especially negative data)
- Non-anonymous commenting

## Areas of neutrality

- One vs. multiple servers
- Licensing