

PUBLISHING IN THE PANDEMIC

ADVANCING  
DISCOVERY

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the dissemination of, and access to, research has never been more vital. Over the past year we have seen significant growth in both the submission and readership of content. As a responsible publisher we have accelerated our publishing output to ensure the latest research, evidence and data is, and continues to be, as discoverable as possible. A snapshot of the impact can be seen below.

CONTENT USAGE

+110%

MORE DOWNLOADS

2020 compared to 2019

96m

ARTICLE DOWNLOADS

COVID-19 journal content

1.1bn

CHAPTER DOWNLOADS

Free textbook initiative

WEBSITE VISITS +48%

TOTAL 2020 GROWTH

Activity on our content platforms significantly increased in 2020, compared to 2019.

SpringerLink +52%

BMC +56%

nature.com +39%

INSTITUTIONAL DOWNLOADS

TOTAL 2020 GROWTH

Remote access support for library customers and their users combined with strong interest in research content significantly increased global institutional downloads compared with 2019.

+9%

SpringerLink Journals

+18%

SpringerLink eBooks

+14%

Nature Journals

NOTE: Some of this is driven by the increase in interest in the freely accessible COVID-19 content and our free textbook campaign to support students learning remotely.

FACILITATING AND ENHANCING REMOTE ACCESS

Keeping our research platforms fully available and facilitating remote access has been at the forefront of our collaboration with libraries across the world. The lessons learnt during this time will benefit all of us beyond the pandemic. Read about our remote access collaborations [here](#)

SUBMISSIONS

+24%

INCREASE IN SUBMISSIONS

year on year

JOURNAL ARTICLE SUBMISSIONS

TOTAL 2020 GROWTH

In addition to a high number of COVID-19 related articles, submissions are showing strong growth across all disciplines.

Medicine +46%

Life Sciences +19%

Physical Sciences +15%

HSS +26%

Despite the impact of lockdown, researchers have been busy, taking the opportunity to write up their recent research and finalise articles for submission.

SURGE OF SUBMISSIONS FROM ALL COUNTRIES

CANADA	22%
USA	20%
FRANCE	22%
SPAIN	22%
UK	23%
GERMANY	23%
ITALY	38%
INDIA	43%
BRAZIL	35%
RUSSIA	21%
JAPAN	27%
CHINA	27%
AUSTRALIA	21%

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

372k

ARTICLES PUBLISHED

9% more than in 2019

24k

NEW COVID-19

articles published

ARTICLES IN FULLY OA JOURNALS

+12% to 92k

ARTICLES IN SUBSCRIPTION & HYBRID JOURNALS

+9% to 280k

70k

CORONAVIRUS RELATED ARTICLES

made free in 2020

[link.springer.com](https://link.springer.com)

[Biomedcentral.com](https://www.biomedcentral.com)

[nature.com](https://www.nature.com)

During 2020, as well as 70,000 articles and book chapters, we also provided free access to significant numbers of textbooks, preprint articles and the experimental datasets of newly published COVID-19 articles. Explore more, including our ‘research in the time of the pandemic’ blog series at [springernature.com/coronavirus](https://springernature.com/coronavirus)

We will continue to closely monitor the impact of the pandemic on our customers and partners so we can continue to adapt and respond effectively to support the research community.

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