

# SharedIt Information Sheet – For Subscribers

## What is SharedIt?

SharedIt is a content sharing initiative from Springer Nature that allows authors and subscribers to easily and legally share links to free-to-read versions of research articles anywhere, including social media platforms, repositories and personal websites. All articles published in the Springer Nature owned journal portfolio and over 1,000 co-owned or partner-owned journals are included in the initiative.

## How do I use it?

On the webpage of every article you'll see a 'Share' or 'Share article' option. If you click on this, for every article you have subscription access to, you'll be provided with a SharedIt link, which you can copy and provide to other interested parties or post anywhere, including via social networks such as Twitter or on scholarly collaborative networks such as ResearchGate or Academia.edu, for non-commercial, personal purposes.

## Are there any limits to how much can be shared?

Reasonable sharing is encouraged for non-commercial, personal use.

## What is the benefit of using SharedIt?

SharedIt allows you to share research articles you or your institution have subscribed to in a legitimate way, facilitating discussions and collaborations with other researchers who may not have a subscription. SharedIt links will take readers to the most up to date, online version of the article.

SharedIt also allows us to better understand how research is being used, as usage can be tracked, unlike when a PDF is downloaded and shared. Springer Nature is committed to making information about usage available on a regular basis. A summary of the results of the first 12-month trial of the content sharing initiative can be found [here](#).

## How does it work?

The technology that enables the SharedIt functionality is provided by ReadCube, whose industry-leading functionality enables sharers to make final published versions of research articles available in the streaming Enhanced PDF format. In addition to the full text of the articles, the Enhanced PDF provides hyperlinked in-line citations and figures, annotation capabilities, one-click access to supplemental content and figures and advanced article metrics.

**Who do I contact if I have further questions?**

Further information can be found here [springernature.com/sharedit](https://springernature.com/sharedit).

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