

Half of all Springer Nature primary research to be Open Access by end of 2024

We have championed the value and impact of open access (OA) for over 20 years. OA has clear benefits for researchers and society – increased usage, reach, and visibility, whilst also ensuring that the very content that can help address global challenges gets into the hands of those that can effect change.

We continue to invest in our fully OA portfolio, new OA models and transitioning our hybrid journals with a focus on gold OA.

1.25m+

primary research and review articles published via [Gold OA](#)

38%

of all our content is published OA, with the aim of reaching half by the end of 2024

3,500+

our agreements now support researchers from 3,500+ institutions around the world in publishing OA

2,200+

OA books published since the launch of our OA Book Programme in 2021

200m+

our OA book chapters have been downloaded over 200 Million times

600+

fully OA journals – with the highest average citation rate and downloads per article of any fully OA publisher

2,700+

our content-sharing tool [SharedIt](#) covers 2,700 journals and over 4.4 Million article links were accessed in 2022

Why OA matters

For authors

Publishing OA increases visibility and usage of their work, supporting career progression

OA articles achieve



1.6x

More citations than non OA articles across all subjects



50%

More citations than non OA books on average



2.5x

Altmetrics Attention

OA articles attracted 1.9x more news mentions and 1.2x more policy mentions than non OA articles



10x

More Altmetric Attention than non OA books on average

For librarians and institutions

OA articles / books have higher downloads than non OA content



4x

More Downloads for OA articles than non OA articles



7x

More Downloads for OA books on average than non OA books on average

For Society and Science

OA ensures that research is open for all and able to be used to tackle societal challenges

As a result society can benefit more quickly from scientific discoveries – such as the COVID vaccine



48%+

of SDG-related articles are OA driving forward knowledge around tackling societal changes



68%

of our OA articles in 2022 were published in fully OA journals, ensuring greater access to research



Nearly 3bn

content Downloads for OA books on average than in 2022

Transformative agreements

TAs are the most proven, sustainable and equitable way to transition to OA for all disciplines and at scale

<p>For librarians and institutions ensure an easy OA workflow, one central payment, increase read and publishing usage</p>	<p>For authors make OA a viable option, no payment required, discipline neutral</p>	<p>For funders increase reach of authors' work, enabling county level flips to OA</p>	<p>For science and research driving growth in content, enabling equitable transition for all disciplines</p>
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OA TAs support researchers from over 3,500 institutions

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Australia and New Zealand Austria Canada Colombia Cyprus Czechia Denmark Egypt Finland Germany (DEAL) Greece Italy Hungary Ireland India Israel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Japan Malaysia Manipal Mexico Netherlands Norway Poland Portugal Qatar Slovakia Slovenia South Africa Spain Sweden Switzerland UK USA 	<p>National, Sub-National or Institutional Agreement</p> <p>First with California</p> <p>First in Latin America</p> <p>First in Africa (Egypt)</p> <p>Largest with DEAL</p> <p>Largest in Japan</p> <p>More about our Transformative Agreements</p>
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Driving Open Science

Open science helps to deliver efficiencies and speed up scientific discoveries

<p>We are committed to paving the way forwards for an open science future by creating the tools and services, of which OA is one, to make Open Science a reality for all.</p> <p>Making sure research is open, can be replicated and knowledge built upon is essential to the development of a fully open science world. Driving knowledge forwards, it ensures science reaches the hands of those that can lead change against the world's most pressing societal challenges.</p>	<p>26 billion euros is wasted in Europe</p> <p>due to research and data not being shared and re-useable</p>
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<p>Data</p>	<p>0110110 1001101 10</p> <p>Code</p>	<p>Final version of record</p>	<p>Protocols & Methods</p>	<p>Preprints</p>
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We work in partnerships with organisations such as Figshare, CodeOcean and ResearchGate to help researchers make all parts of their findings as accessible, discoverable, usable, re-useable and shareable as possible.

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