Springer Nature publishes the world’s most comprehensive open access (OA) portfolio, accounting for 20% of all immediate OA articles published globally. Springer Nature and our associated brands have long been pioneers in OA. For nearly 20 years, since BMC first pioneered an OA publishing model, openness and innovation have been at the heart of our business. As early movers in the market we have a clear vision and commitment to OA and open research, in all of its manifestations, seeing it as a central part of enabling open science and one of the major forces reshaping the way that researchers communicate, collaborate and advance the pace and quality of discovery.

Advancing discovery is our mission and it guides us in all our actions. Springer Nature is passionate about and committed to OA publishing and the greater use of Open Research techniques because of the benefits they enable to the advancement of science and research.

**SOME FAST FACTS**

With the world’s most comprehensive OA portfolio, we offer researchers, institutions and their funders OA options for journals, books and sharing research data.

- **124,000+** Articles published via gold OA, representing 33% of all Springer Nature articles in 2020
- **70%+** In eight countries (UK, Netherlands, Sweden, Austria, Finland, Hungary, Poland & Qatar) - over 70% of Springer Nature corresponding authors are now publishing via gold OA
- **1,300+** OA books published since the launch of our OA book programme in 2012
- **2,200+** Hybrid journals with the option to publish OA
- **20%** Of all immediate OA articles published globally come from Springer Nature
- **2,700+** Our content-sharing tool, ShareIt, covers 2,700 journals and over 6.5 million unique links were accessed in 2020
- **100m+** Our OA book chapters have been downloaded more than 100 million times

We are committed to achieving the benefits of real and meaningful open science for all and believe gold OA is the way to do this.

Only gold OA gives immediate access to the final published VOR, considered by over 80% of the community to be the most authoritative credible source, as it is dynamically updated in perpetuity. In addition, gold OA articles act as an integrated hub for all the elements necessary for open science such as data and code.

**DRIVING FORWARD A SUSTAINABLE ROUTE TO OA**

Springer Nature is committed to speeding up the transition to a sustainable and competitive OA market. We firmly believe that having early and rapid access to research findings is fundamental to the advancement of science and discovery.

**TRANSFORMATIVE AGREEMENTS (TA)**

We have pioneered transformative agreements since 2014 and see them as hugely important in enabling, at any scale, transition to OA. Springer Nature currently holds the largest number of national TAs with partners across the Globe including:

- Netherlands
- United Kingdom
- Austria
- Sweden
- Finland
- Hungary
- Poland
- Norway
- Germany
- Qatar
- Switzerland
- Italy
- Norway
- Germany
- Qatar
- Switzerland
- Italy

Springer Nature also holds a transformative open access agreement in North America, with the University of California.

In order to help authors and institutions choose OA, Springer Nature also offers agreements that enable institutions to cover OA publishing costs for Springer Nature’s fully OA journals. We signed our first agreement of this type in 2019 with BIBSAM (Sweden).
OPEN UP RESEARCH

We make academic research freely accessible and discoverable through partnerships, innovation and collaboration with communities across science, technology, medicine, the humanities and social science. Committed to open research we offer researchers, institutions, and their funders OA options for journals, books and sharing research data.

We are committed to driving the transition to OA and open data by helping researchers make their findings as accessible, understandable, discoverable, usable, reusable and shareable as possible:

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Springer Nature’s free content sharing initiative that enables authors, subscribers, media partners to create shareable links to content. Over 6.5 million links were accessed in 2020.

IMPACT OF OA

Through case studies, market research and analysis of our own portfolio data, we are committed to showcasing and illustrating the impact of publishing openly.

**A SIGNIFICANT advantage for open access books**

| 50% more citations on average | 7x more downloads on average | 10x more altmetric attention on average |

**A significant advantage for open access (OA) articles**

| 4x more downloads of OA articles on average | 1.6x more citations of OA articles across all subjects | 2.5x more altmetric attention on average |

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

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