Transformative Journals
what you need to know

In January 2021 we will
Launch our first TJs
Transition many Springer
Nature journals to TJs

Unlike hybrid journals, TJs play an active role in advocating OA to authors, increase OA uptake and proactively support the OA transition

Why?

OA advantage:
We believe research should be open to all as soon as possible, so that it can be read, used and built upon.

OA articles...
Are cited more
1.6x more citations of OA articles than non-OA articles
Are downloaded more
4x more downloads of OA articles than non-OA articles across all subjects

Benefits of TJs versus Hybrids in driving OA

Commitment to annual OA growth and transition to full OA

Active promotion of OA benefits

Commit to continuously increase the OA share each year and flip to full OA once 75% threshold has been met

Make no commitment to driving OA growth and transition

Open metrics and reporting

To encourage OA uptake, transparency and advocacy, TJs proactively promote the benefits of OA to authors of primary research articles during submission, at the point of subscription/OA choice and during the peer-review process

Make no commitment to provide transparent reporting on OA vs. subscription content

Author choice of OA or author subscription

Authors can choose between gold OA or subscription publication, based on their preferences, funder or institutional requirements for OA, and availability of APC funding

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APC pricing transparency

Commit to providing greater transparency on the services covered by the APC

Make no commitment to provide pricing transparency

Subscription pricing transparency

Commit to being more transparent about their subscription pricing policy and how their prices change, to the extent to which they offer APC funding

Make no commitment to provide pricing transparency

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