



# Springer Compact for Swedish organisations

Frequently asked questions for organisations participating  
in the Bibsam Consortium's agreement

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## 1. What is Springer Compact?

The Springer Compact agreements combine the costs for article processing charges (APC) and access to subscription content for participating institutions. Researchers from participating institutions are able to publish their articles open access at no extra cost and access the full text of all subscription content. Springer Compact supports subscriptions and gold open access publishing in journals at the same time. It promotes the transition to more transparent and sustainable open access publishing.

## 2. What are the benefits for authors and institutions?

- High visibility of their work, as all articles are made freely available online, immediately upon publication
- Authors retain the copyright of their work with a creative commons license
- Easy compliance with open access policies
- Articles are free to re-use
- Automatic deposit to PubMed Central (PMC)/Europe PMC for its evaluation
- Open access charge covered centrally by the institution – meaning no cost for open access for authors

Institutions that participate in our Springer Compact agreement benefit from the combination of licensed access to our subscription-based journals and open access publishing, resulting in fewer administrative hurdles to hybrid open access publishing. In general, Springer Compact supports the transition to more transparent and sustainable open access.

## 3. How does the author know whether s/he is eligible for the agreement?

If the author can say yes to these statements he or she is ready for publication under the Springer Compact agreement:

- My article has been accepted by an Open Choice eligible journal\*
- I am the corresponding author
- I am affiliated with a participating SE institution\*
- My article matches one of these types: **Original Paper, Review Paper, Brief Communication or Continuing Education**

**Tip:** Corresponding authors are advised to use their email address from the respective institution, not a private email address. This enables Springer to identify them as eligible under the scheme.

Tip

## 4. When do authors know whether their article is in the verification process for the agreement?

Authors will be recognized as potentially eligible once their article has been accepted, during MyPublication. They are then asked to identify themselves as affiliated with a participating institution; the eligibility will be shown immediately. The article will then automatically enter the verification process.

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## 5. Verification process

At article acceptance, the corresponding author is asked to identify herself/himself as an author affiliated with an institution that is participating in the Springer Compact agreement and to agree to the open access terms.

Directly after the author has completed the MyPublication form, the institution contact will be informed via an email notification that a new article is available for verification in the approval tool. The institution contact logs in to the approval tool where all open approvals are shown on the dashboard. Clicking on an open approval opens an overview of the article with all the information the institution needs to make a decision on the eligibility of the article/author.

The [OA verification team](#) at Springer will provide all affiliations if needed.

The institution contact can approve, reject, or forward the article directly in the overview or for further information contact the Springer OA Verification team.

This workflow is in place for all journals running through the standard Springer workflow.

Around 30 Journals are co-published with external partners and the institution will verify articles from these journals via email requests.

To ensure a good author service and to avoid delayed publication, institutions are asked to verify an author within 5 working days. Additionally, the central contact regularly receives reports.

### Article production

Start



Verification workflow for articles in standard workflow



## 6. Is it possible to make an article open access under the agreement once the article is published?

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## 7. Is it possible to change the corresponding author?

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## 8. What are the open access licence terms?

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## 10. Any more questions?

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