

Frequently Asked Questions:

Wolters Kluwer Health - Lippincott Williams & Wilkins (LWW) Open Access

What is open access?

The free, immediate, online access, for any user, web-wide, to digital scientific and scholarly material, primarily research articles published in peer-reviewed journals.

What is the hybrid model?

The hybrid model is when a journal has a combination of open access and subscription articles. Authors have choice to pay a fee for the article to be immediately accessible online. The author retains copyright of article. Open Access articles are subject to the same peer review process as any article within that journal.

What is the payment for?

The payment of the article processing charge means that the article will be freely available online in perpetuity. The costs cover peer-review, copy-editing, and hosting of the article.

Do other charges still apply such as color and page charges?

Yes, other charges will sometimes still apply for the publication of the article.

What article types may be made open access in journals in the hybrid model?

At this time, only original research will be made open access under this option.

Why are the article processing charges different for different titles?

The article processing charges vary for different titles for a variety of factors such as the size of the journal, volume of submissions, etc.

Is it possible to get a discount or a waiver on the article processing charge?

No. If a discount or waiver is needed the article can go through the normal publication route and be published behind the pay wall as subscription content.

Are the peer review and production processes the same for open access articles?

Yes, the peer review and production processes are the same for the open access articles in the hybrid model as they are for those articles published behind the pay wall.

How will I know if an article is open access?

LWW articles that are open access have the **OPEN** icon next to them.

When will an author be given a choice to publish a paper open access?

Authors will have the option to publish their paper as open access after the article has been sent back for revisions.

Should authors still sign the Copyright Transfer Agreement?

Upon submission the author will sign the journal's standard copyright transfer agreement. The CTA contains text that states that if the article is accepted, and the author chooses the open access option, the author will be required to sign a License to Publish and upload this form to the journal's manuscript submission system. The article will then be published under the terms of the Creative Commons License

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Can Open Access articles be posted to personal website or institutional repositories?

Yes, the Creative Commons license allows this.

Will open access articles be deposited in PubMedCentral?

Yes, the final, published version of open access articles will be deposited into PubMed Central by LWW.

What is the difference between open access and NIH Public Access Policy or funders' public access policies?

A number of research funding agencies now require or request authors to submit the post-print (the article after peer review and acceptance but not the final published article) to a repository that is accessible online by all without charge. As a service to our authors, LWW identifies to the National Library of Medicine (NLM) articles that require deposit and transmits the post-print of an article based on research funded in whole or in part by the National Institutes of Health, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, or other funding agencies to PubMed Central. The revised Copyright Transfer Agreement provides the mechanism. LWW ensures that authors can fully comply with the public access requirements of major funding bodies worldwide. Additionally, all authors who choose the open access option will have their final published article deposited into PubMed Central.

Does Wolters Kluwer Health - LWW support the Research Councils UK (RCUK) mandate and Wellcome Trust?

Yes, Wolters Kluwer Health - LWW is compliant with the RCUK and Wellcome Trust mandate. If the journal offers an open access option (gold route), authors can choose to publish their paper as open access with the payment of an article process charge, or opt for their accepted manuscript to be deposited (green route) into PubMedCentral with anywhere from a 12-24 month embargo. The embargo time is the decision of the journal. If the journal does not offer an open access option (gold route), LWW will deposit the accepted article (green route) into PMC with a 6 month embargo.

With both the gold and green open access options, the author will continue to sign the Copyright Transfer Agreement (CTA) as it provides the mechanism for LWW to ensure that the author is fully compliant with the requirements. After signature of the CTA, the author will then sign a License to Publish where they will then retain the copyright.

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It is the responsibility of the author to inform the Editorial Office and/or LWW that they have RCUK funding. LWW will not be held responsible for retroactive deposits to PMC if the author has not completed the proper forms.

How do authors pay APCs?

Payment of the APC will be completed by visiting: <http://wolterskluwer.qconnect.com>. Upon entering the site for the first time, authors will be prompted to create a user id and password.

Can institutions or other 3rd parties pay on an author's behalf?

Yes – please visit: <http://wolterskluwer.qconnect.com>

How does the journal ensure that the peer review process isn't biased?

All articles undergo the journal's standard peer review process. Authors are given the option to make an article open access only after the article has been returned for revisions.

Will open access articles be indexed in the same manner as the non-open access articles in the journal?

Yes. If an author chooses to publish their accepted article as open access, the article is still a part of the regular journal issue and will be included in the same abstracting and indexing services the journal is covered in regularly.

What Wolters Kluwer Health - LWW journals are included in the hybrid model?

We will be rolling out the hybrid option to journals throughout 2013. Please continue to refer to your journal's instructions for authors for new updates.

My article has already been published; can I make it open access?

Authors that would like to make their previously published article open access should contact the journal editorial office.

Are open access articles published ahead of print?

Yes, open access articles can be published ahead of print.

I have other questions, who can I speak with?

For any questions, please contact your editorial office or Publisher..