

Read & Publish Open Access initiative



Biology Open



Biology Open was launched in 2012 as the first fully Open Access journal published by The Company of Biologists. It publishes rigorously conducted research that spans the breadth of the biological and biomedical sciences.



From adenovirus to zebrafish, via cancer biology and stem cells, the Biology Open team is committed to Open Access publishing as a mechanism to widen access, promote equality and ensure sustainability in publishing in the biological sciences.

Biology Open aims to support early-career researchers in particular. It publishes **First Person interviews** with the first authors of research papers, and creates career development opportunities through its early-career researcher focused **Meeting Reviews** and **Future Leader Reviews** initiative.

Readership

Biology Open is read by scientists at all career levels and from a broad field of expertise – including plant and animal biologists, geneticists, molecular biologists, cell biologists, and stem cell and developmental biologists, as well as scientists who study molecular, cellular and organismal physiology. Content is freely available to the journal's communities of researchers and the general public.

Abstracting and indexing services

Biology Open is abstracted and/or indexed by (amongst others): Biological Abstracts, BIOSIS, CAB abstracts, Chemical Abstracts, Clarivate Analytics Web of Science, Medline, PMC, PubMed, Scopus and the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ).

Open Access commitment

The Company of Biologists has a long-standing commitment to Open Access, and our subscription journals were the first in the world to be awarded Transformative Journal status by Plan S. All our journals (including our fully Open Access journals - Disease Models & Mechanisms and Biology Open), are also included in our Read & Publish Open Access agreements.

Key metrics

- 2021 Impact Factor: 2.643
- Five-year Impact Factor: 2.687
- Two-year citation median: 2.0
- Eigenfactor score: 0.00627
- Article Influence Score: 0.661
- Immediacy index: 0.769
- h-index: 47
- Scopus CiteScore: 4.6
- SJR indicator: 0.765
- SNIP: 0.73



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What are the benefits of Read & Publish agreements?

- Unlimited "read" access to our three subscription journals – Development, Journal of Cell Science and Journal of Experimental Biology
- Uncapped fee-free Open Access publishing of research articles in our subscription journals plus our two fully Open Access journals – Disease Models & Mechanisms and Biology Open
- Transparent cost-neutral pricing
- Single annual fee covers reading and publishing
- Easy to switch from a subscription to a Read & Publish agreement
- Compliant with funder mandates including Plan S



“Biology Open is a high-quality journal which I can strongly recommend, both for reading and for publishing, and we were delighted to publish our article in it without charge under the Read & Publish agreement between The Company of Biologists and University of Southern Denmark. This is helping us to disseminate our research to as many scientists as possible.”

Dr Magnus Wahlberg, University of Southern Denmark, Denmark

Benefits of Open Access publishing



Usage increase **>3x**

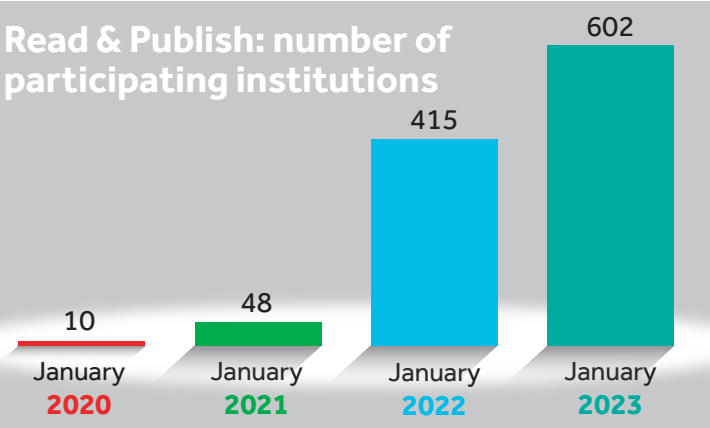


Citation advantage **1.1-1.4x**



Altmetrics boost **1.2-1.9x**

Read & Publish: number of participating institutions



Figures based on the latest available data from Impact Vizor and Altmetric Explorer