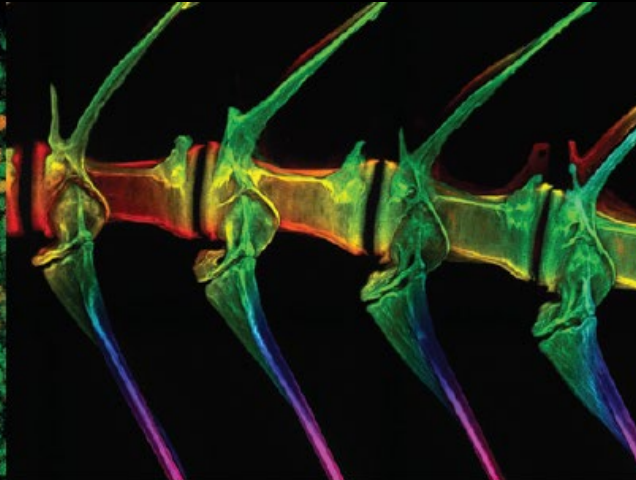
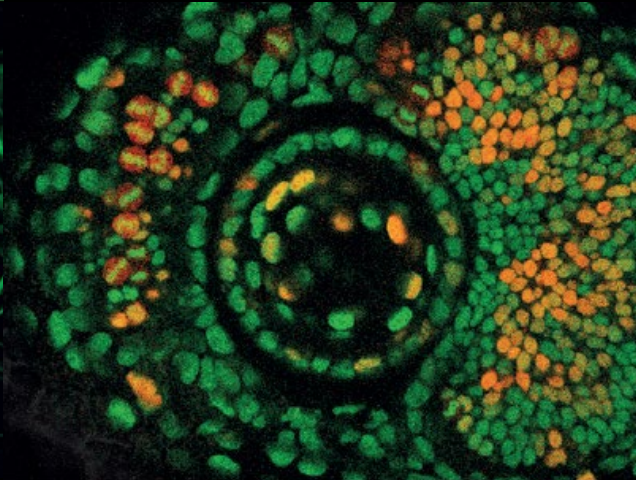
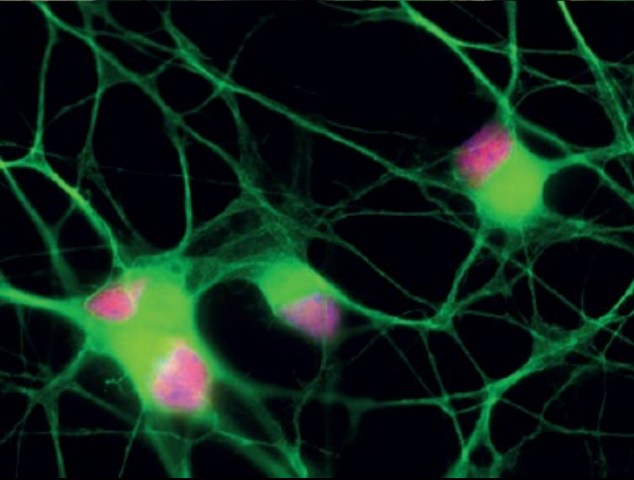


# Read & Publish Open Access initiative

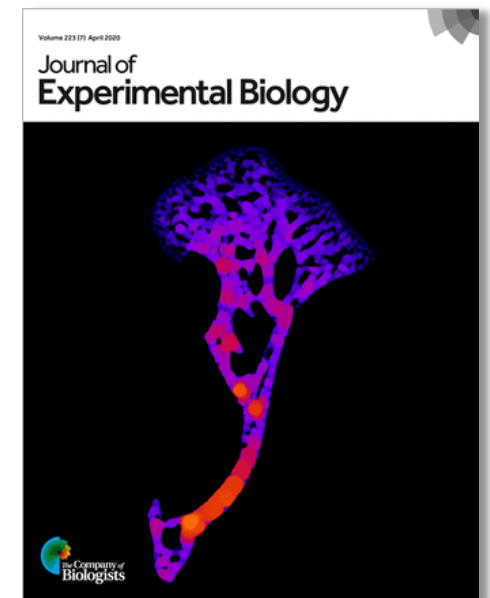
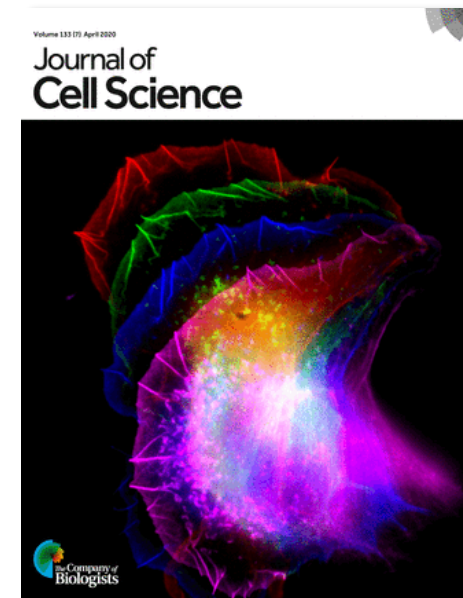




# About The Company of Biologists

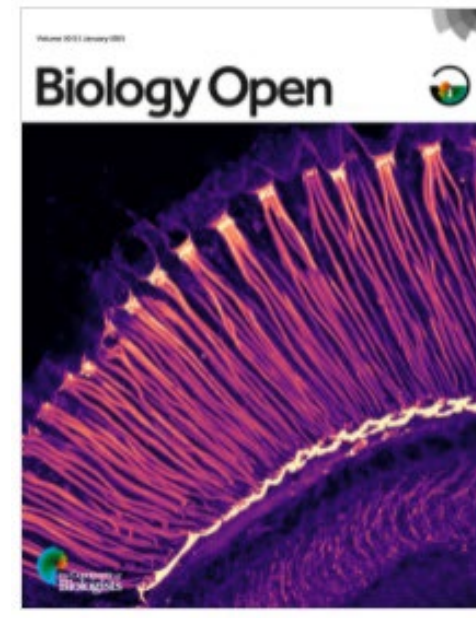
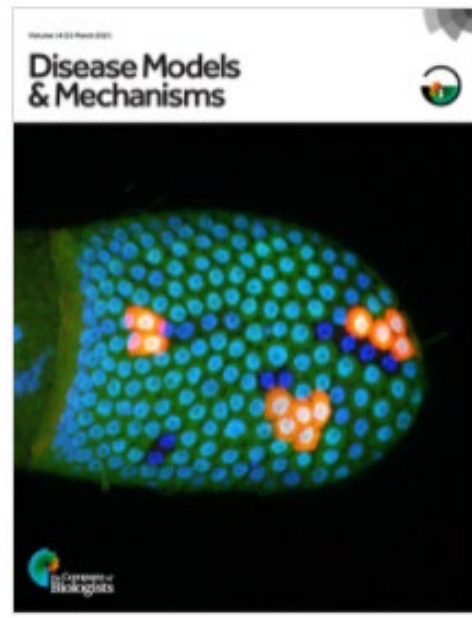
We are a not-for-profit publishing organisation dedicated to supporting and inspiring the biological and biomedical community worldwide.

We publish three prestigious hybrid journals which were the first in the world to be awarded Transformative Journal status by Plan S.

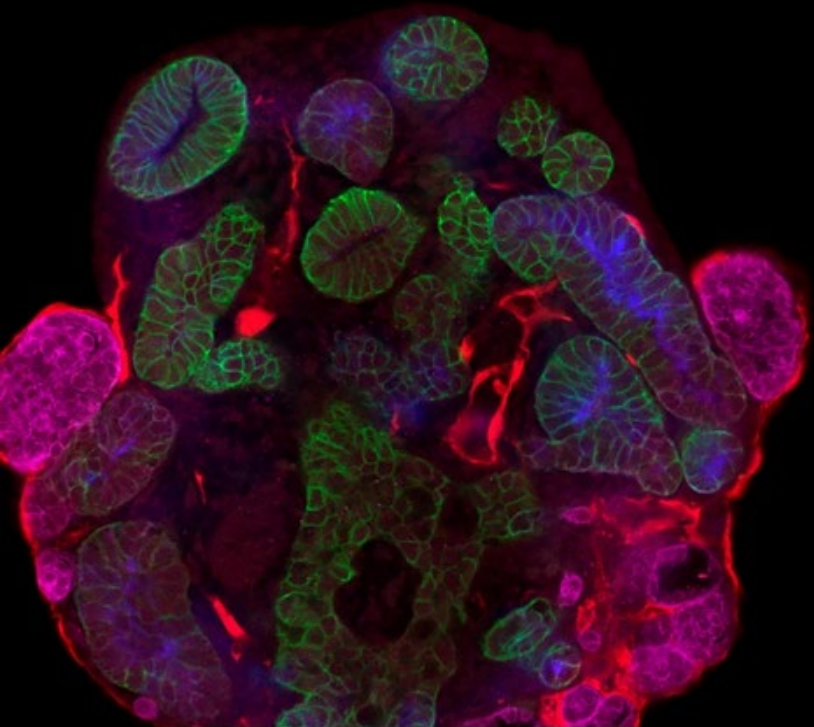


# About The Company of Biologists

We also publish two fully Open Access journals.

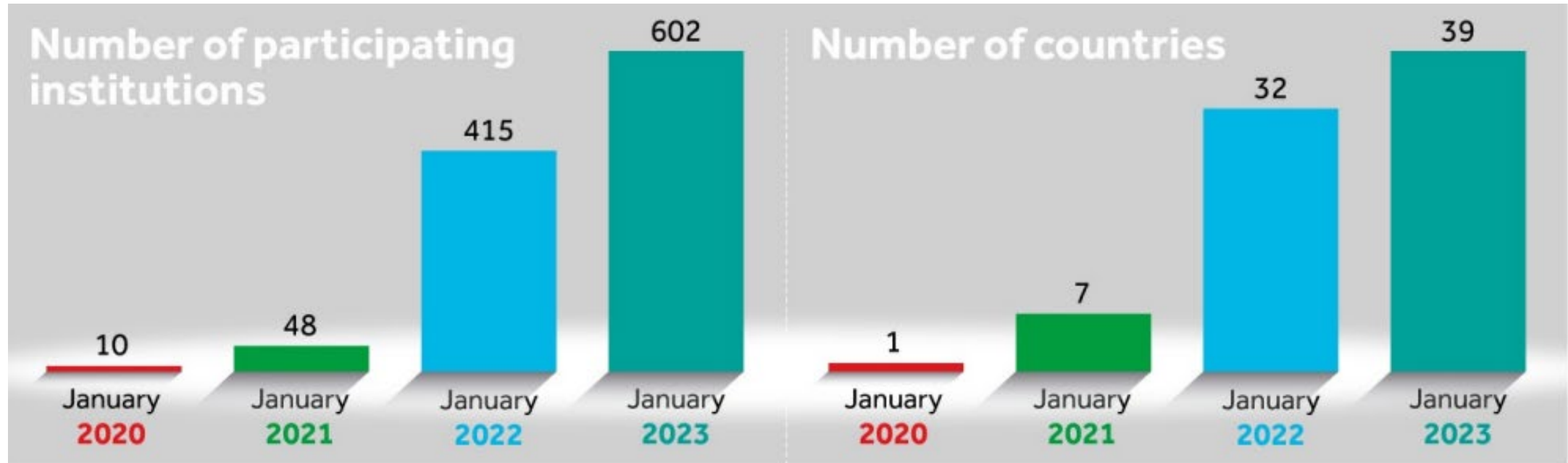


# About our Read & Publish Open Access initiative



- We have been committed to Open Access since 2004 as we believe it benefits science.
- We were one of the first not-for-profit publishers to launch a cost-neutral Read & Publish Open Access initiative.
- Our Read & Publish Open Access agreements reduce the barriers to reading and publishing articles in our leading, peer-reviewed journals.
- We have signed Read & Publish and other transformative Open Access agreements with twelve library consortia (Bibsam/National Library of Sweden, CAUL, CSIC, EIFL, IISER, IReL, Jisc, JULAC, MALMAD, the Max Planck Digital Library, National Institutes of Health and University of California).
- We have also signed agreements with many individual libraries.

# Our Read & Publish initiative in numbers



## Participating library consortia



# How is Read & Publish pricing calculated?

## “Read” fee

Current  
subscription spend

+

## “Publish” fee

Average annual  
article processing  
charge (APC) paid  
over prior 3 years

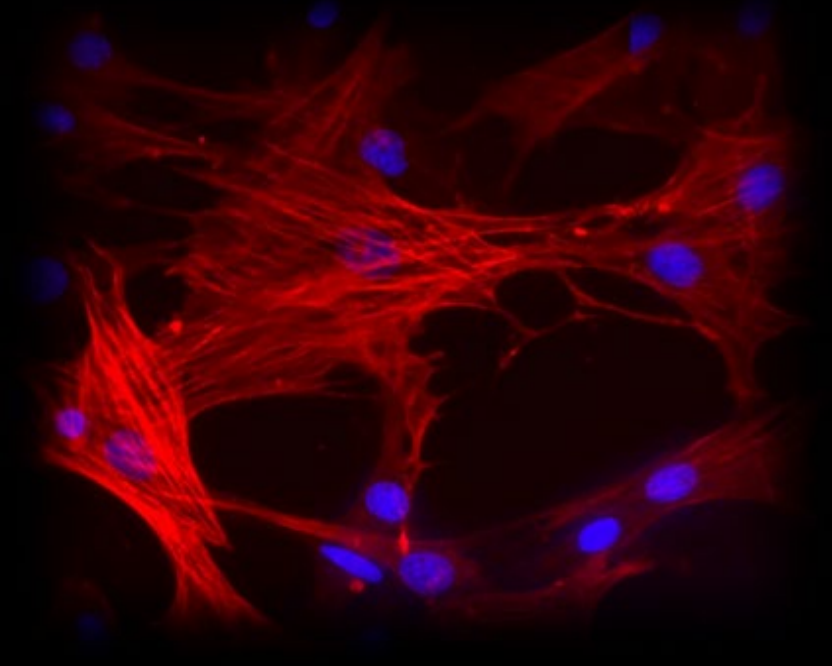
=

## Total price

Combined  
“Read” & “Publish” fee

# Why participate in our Read & Publish initiative?

- Unlimited “read” access to all our hybrid journals, with perpetual access to content dating back to 1853
- Uncapped, immediate and fee-free publishing of Open Access (OA) research articles for corresponding authors under CC-BY licence terms in:
  - our hybrid journals
  - our fully Open Access journals
- Cost-neutral, transparent pricing
- Compliant with Plan S and funder mandates





# Why participate in our Read & Publish initiative?

- Wider dissemination - Open Access articles are read at least three times more than non-OA articles



Usage increase

**>3x**



Citation advantage

**1.1-1.4x**



Altmetrics boost

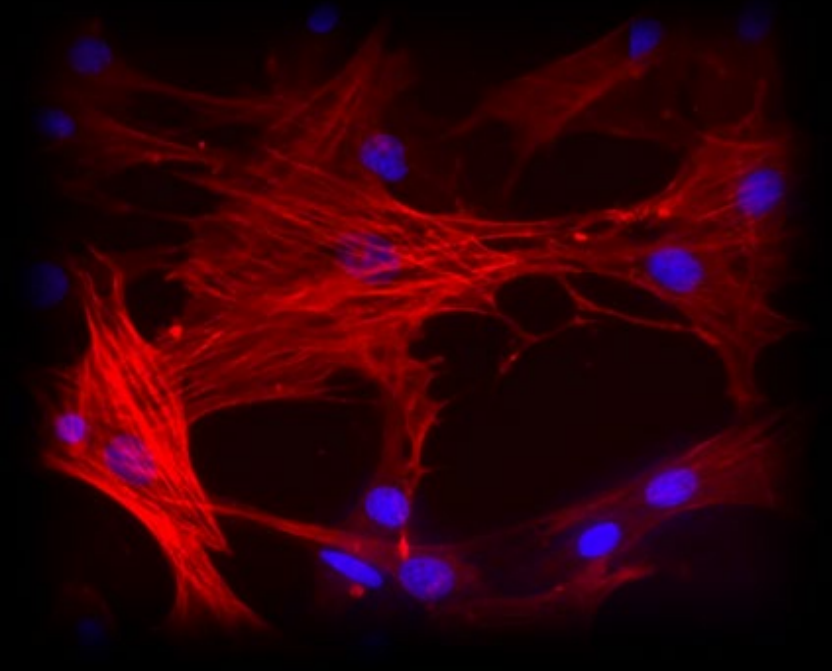
**1.2-1.9x**

*Figures based on latest available data from Impact Vizor and Altmeter Explorer (April 2022)*

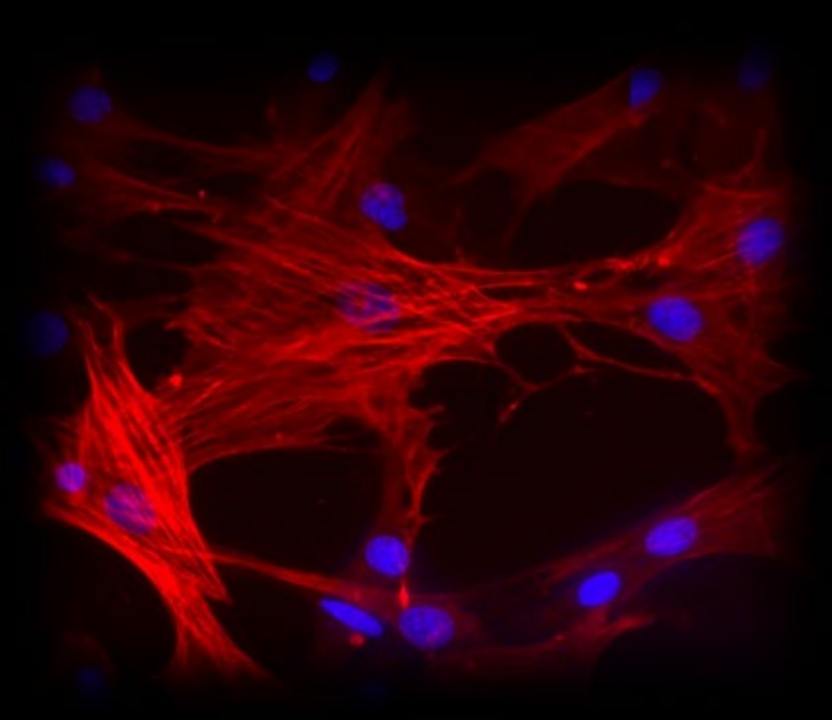


# Why participate in our Read & Publish initiative?

- Ease of administration - single fee covers “read” and “publish” so no separate article processing charges (APCs) to pay
- Easy to switch from a subscription to a Read & Publish agreement
- Automatic identification of corresponding authors
- Enhanced reporting and OA workflow



# Why participate in our Read & Publish initiative?



## Excellent feedback from authors:

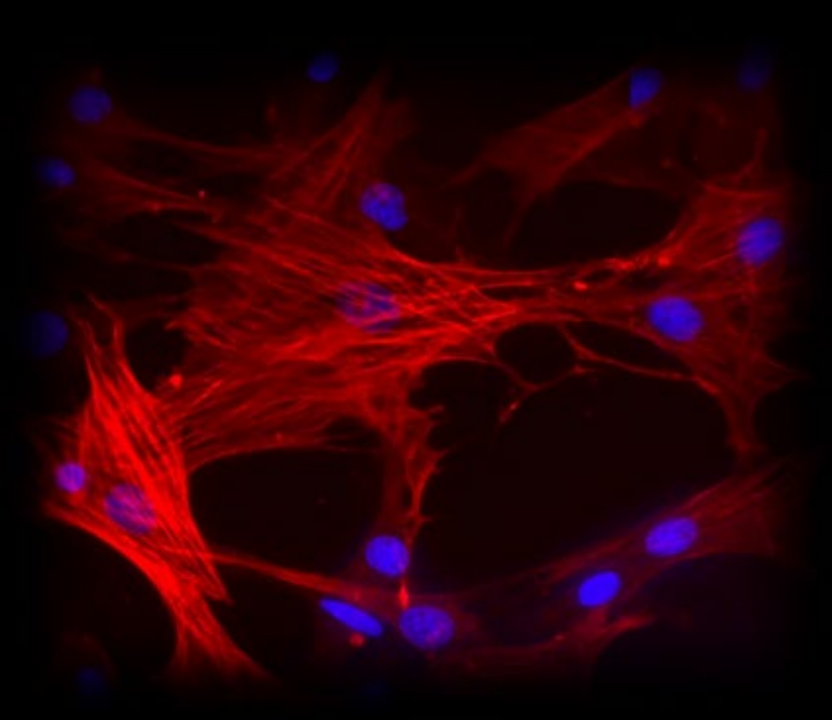
“As early career researchers completing research that was not funded using a massive grant, we had no funds available to cover publication fees. This is a factor that can limit many researchers, so being able to publish Open Access for free was a lifeline for me and my co-authors.”  
**Dr Elizabeth Clutton, University of Portsmouth, UK**

“Open Access is how science is meant to be, however, the cost of Open Access publication can be a barrier to disseminating our work; being able to share our work in an open way free of charge helps ensure that we reach a broader audience.” **Associate Professor Allen Ehrlicher, McGill University, Canada**

“To have our paper published Open Access free of charge, thanks to the Read & Publish initiative, was simply awesome, and it only took a few clicks to arrange.” **Professor Anders Hedenström, Lund University, Sweden**

[Read more feedback from authors](#)

# Why participate in our Read & Publish initiative?



## Excellent feedback from librarians and library consortia:

“MSU Library’s Read & Publish agreement with The Company of Biologists will further advance open access research and scholarship at MSU. This is important because it means the work of MSU-affiliated authors who are publishing in their journals will be available to a larger audience because it is not behind the barrier of an online paywall.” **Rachelle M. McLain, Collection Development Librarian, Montana State University, USA**

“IReL is delighted to sign an agreement with The Company of Biologists. It provides our corresponding authors with immediate Open Access publishing without them needing to pay article processing charges. The agreement also enables students and researchers to have access to additional journals previously unavailable to them.” **Jack Hyland, IReL Manager, Ireland**

[Read more feedback from librarians and library consortia](#)

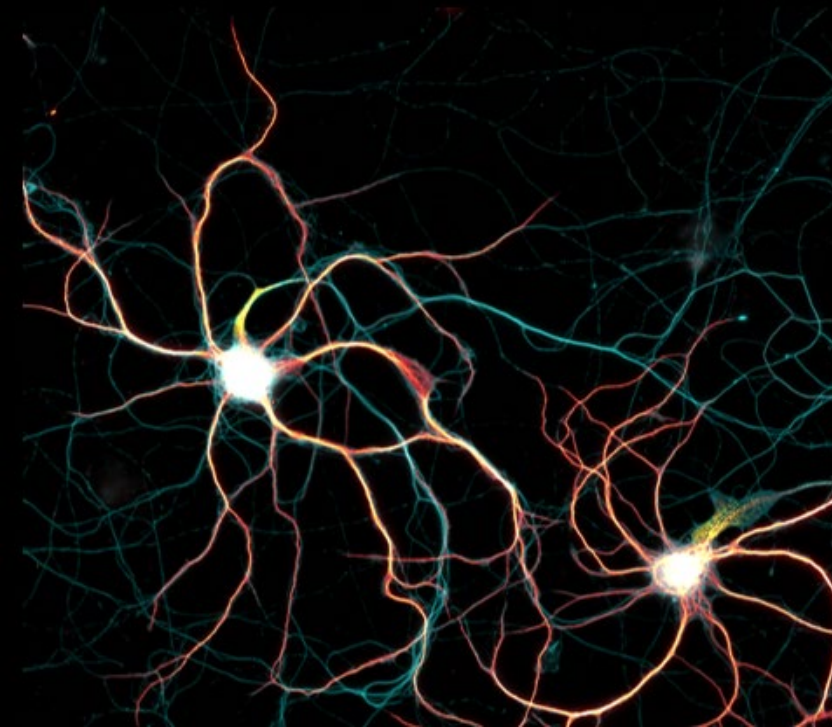


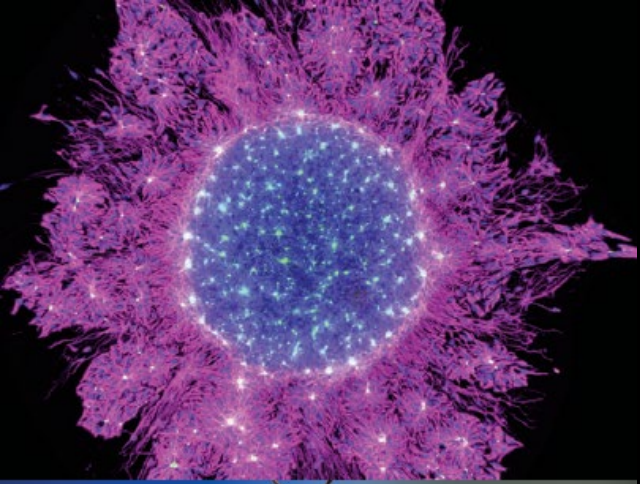
**Matthew Freeman**

Chairman,  
The Company of Biologists  
& Head,  
Dunn School of Pathology,  
University of Oxford

“The Company of Biologists is committed to sustainable Open Access publishing in the long term.

Read & Publish agreements are an important step in our Open Access journey, and we hope that you will join us.”





Find out more at  
**[biologists.com/read-publish](http://biologists.com/read-publish)**



**Any questions? Would you like a quote?**  
Please contact us at  
**[subscriptions@biologists.com](mailto:subscriptions@biologists.com)**

