

Springer Compact Evaluation

Since you have been or are in the process of publishing an article with a Springer Nature journal, for which your article fee has been covered by the Springer Compact agreement, we ask you kindly to answer this questionnaire. The agreement is on trial between the Swedish universities and Springer Nature between July 2016 and December 2018. This survey will be one of the tools used to evaluate the agreement in order to determine if it should be made permanent.

The survey will be analyzed continuously and your answers will help in two ways. Firstly to enrich the discussion on whether to continue with this kind of deals with publishers, and secondly to improve the library publishing services. Apart from these concrete purposes, the data may be used for research publications in order to share the findings internationally. Although the data can be linked to you through your ORCID (in order to track responses), data will only be presented in aggregated form, possibly divided by institution or discipline when published. Comments on questions 21 and 25 will be shared with your university library. Participation is voluntary.

If you have any questions, please contact Helena Francke at the University of Borås.

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About the Springer Compact Agreement

The Springer Compact agreement combines the costs for article processing charges (APC) and access to subscription content for participating institutions and universities. A corresponding author from a participating institution is able to publish their article open access at no extra cost while the institution also has access to all subscription content. Springer Compact aims to support subscriptions and gold open access publishing in journals and at the same time reduce the total financial costs and administration. It promotes the transition to more transparent and sustainable open access publishing, and enables researchers to comply with their funders' open access requirements. (Text from the publisher)

* Required

1. Your institution **Mark only one oval.*

- Blekinge Institute of Technology
- Chalmers University of Technology
- Dalarna University
- Dental and Pharmaceutical Benefits Agency
- Halmstad University
- Institut Mittag-Leffler
- Jönköping University
- Karlstad University
- Karolinska Institutet
- Kristianstad University
- Linköping University
- Linnaeus University
- Luleå University of Technology
- Lund University
- Malmö University
- Medical Products Agency
- Mid Sweden University
- Mälardalen University
- Public Health Agency of Sweden
- Royal Institute of Technology
- Stockholm School of Economics
- Stockholm University
- Swedish Agency on Health Technology Assessment (SBU)
- Swedish Defence Research Agency
- Swedish Environmental Protection Agency
- Swedish Institute for Educational Research
- Swedish Museum of Natural History
- Swedish National Road and Transport Research Institute
- Swedish Patent and Registration Office
- Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences (GIH)
- Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences
- Södertörn University
- Umeå University
- University of Borås
- University of Gothenburg
- University of Gävle
- University of Skövde
- University West
- Uppsala University

Örebro University

2. Your academic title *

Mark only one oval.

- Professor
- Associate professor (Docent/Bitr. professor)
- Senior lecturer (Lektor)
- Assistant professor (Bitr. lektor)
- Postdoctoral fellow (Forskningsassistent)
- Postdoc (Postdok)
- Doctoral Candidate (Doktorand)
- Lecturer (Adjunkt)
- Other: _____

3. Your ORCID (orcid.org)

E.g.: 0000-0003-2603-4615

4. Your discipline (e.g. Biomedicine, English language, Political science...) *

5. Springer-Nature journal that accepted your article *

6. Did you know about the Springer Compact deal before submitting your article? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

7. Why did you submit the article to this particular journal? *

Check all that apply.

- Best match for the subject
- High journal impact factor
- Good editorial process
- Journal was recommended to me
- Special issue
- Open access publishing offered
- Open access required by (funder) mandate
- Other: _____

Article and publishing economy

8. Would you have paid for open access if it had not been covered by the Springer Compact agreement? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Perhaps

9. If yes on question 8, how would you have funded open access publishing?

Mark only one oval.

- Covered by grant
- Covered by institution
- Covered by lab/research group
- Covered privately
- Other: _____

10. If 'covered by grant', from which funding agency do you have a grant?

11. Have you paid publishing fees to cover open access to your articles before? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No *After the last question in this section, skip to question 13.*

12. If so, how have the fees been managed?

Check all that apply.

- invoice to employer
- employer's credit card
- outlay and later reimbursed by employer
- own expense
- university library handled it
- department handled it
- Other: _____

Open Access preferences

13. **Is your research covered by mandates to publish open access? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Some of it
- Don't know

14. **What are your arguments for publishing Open Access, if any?**

15. **Are you familiar with the CC-BY-license? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No

16. **What do you think about the university covering publishing fees through deals such as Springer Compact? ***

17. **Would you like the university to have similar agreements with other publishers? ***

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

18. **Please elaborate on your answer on similar agreements.**

19. Will you prefer Springer Nature journals now that you know your university covers the publication fees? *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

20. Please elaborate on your answer on why you will or will not prefer Springer Nature journals.

Publication process

21. How can the university provide better support to authors who want or need to publish open access? *

Marketing and metrics

22. Will you take any steps to ensure that more people find and read your article? If so, what? *

23. How do you know what attention your article gets once it is published? *

24. What measures (existing or not yet existing) do you suggest is best for assessing the impact of your research? *

Check all that apply.

- Downloads
- Impact on society
- Journal Impact Factor
- Number of citations
- Peer review
- Publications in relation to what was outlined in project plan/application
- Shares in social media
- Used in courses or by students
- Mentions in traditional and trade media
- Other: _____

Last question

25. Do you have any suggestions that can help improve the library services on Springer Compact or open access in general? Or comments on this survey?

Thank you!

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this questionnaire!

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