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Measuring Open Access Uptake: Databases, Metrics, and International Comparisons

Message from the Guest Editors

In a context where various public policies seek to promote open science, the measurement of developments in this field is the subject of numerous contributions. Measuring uptake of OA is not an easy task. Several factors can affect results and should be considered, such as: disparities in how publications are identified as OA from one database to another; the types of OA that are analyzed; and the types of publications taken into account (e.g., with or without DOI, document types). In addition to the issues related to the data used, the question of the measures/indicators is of particular importance. Another important point is economic models and the cost linked to OA publications, as "open" does not necessarily mean "free" whatever the model adopted. Insights resulting from econometric viewpoints or agent-based simulations will be warmly welcomed. We would also like to encourage colleagues from different scientific fields (biomedical, engineering, philosophy, etc.) to contribute and report their experiences within the context of the topics raised in the form of opinions, perspectives, reviews or original research articles.

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