

# Open Access Publishing Framework Agreement

concluded between

**DEUTSCHE ZENTRALBIBLIOTHEK FÜR MEDIZIN (ZB MED) – INFORMATIONSZENTRUM LEBENSWISSENSCHAFTEN**, a German institution, represented by the Scientific Director Prof. Dr. Dietrich Rebholz-Schuhmann, having its registered office at Gleueler Straße 60, 50931 Köln, Germany (“**ZB MED**”)

and

**FRONTIERS MEDIA SA**, a Swiss corporation having its registered office at Avenue du Tribunal Fédéral 34, 1005 Lausanne, Switzerland (“**Frontiers**”).

ZB MED and Frontiers shall be collectively referred to as the “**Parties**” and each of them as a “**Party**”.

## Background

Frontiers is an award-winning open science platform and leading open access scholarly publisher.

Consistent with its mission, ZB MED cooperates as the national library for medicine and the life sciences with German scientific and academic institutions and publishers to improve the dissemination of scientific research and facilitate the access of German researchers to scientific publishing.

The Parties wish to establish a new framework allowing eligible German scientific and academic institutions to benefit from favourable financial terms and conditions, regular reports, and access to an online portal and other operational support and removing financial and administrative obstacles for authors affiliated with these institutions.

ZB MED has agreed to inform its stakeholders about this new framework and to support its implementation by providing coordination and logistical assistance in view of facilitating the enrolment of participating institutions to this new framework and maximising their number.

**Now therefore, the Parties agree as follows.**

## Agreed Terms

### 1. Definitions

1.1. Defined terms: In this Agreement the following definitions apply:

- (i) **Framework Agreement**: this Open Access Publishing Framework Agreement;
- (ii) **Article Processing Charge or APC**: the charge ordinarily made by Frontiers in relation to the publication of an article (including, for clarity, charges applied on behalf of societies’ journals hosted by Frontiers and determined by such third parties);
- (iii) **Annual Flat Fee**: the flat fee payable each year by Category A Participants as specified in the relevant Enrolment Agreements;
- (iv) **Annex**: an annex to this Framework Agreement;
- (v) **Category A Participant**: a Participant who has opted for the Flat Fee Option;

- (vi) **Category B Participant:** a Participant who has opted for the Metered Option;
  - (vii) **Confidential Information** has the meaning described in clause 15;
  - (viii) **Discounted APC:** an APC subject to an agreed discount granted to Category B Participants;
  - (ix) **Effective Date:** 1 January 2024;
  - (x) **Eligible Author:** a researcher who is affiliated with a Participant at the time of submission of an Eligible Article;
  - (xi) **Eligible Article:** an article accepted by Frontiers for publication in an Eligible Journal where the corresponding author (being the author who submits an article to Frontiers in his or her name, or as the representative of multiple co-authors, or is otherwise designated as the corresponding author) is an Eligible Author;
  - (xii) **Eligible Institution:** means an institution meeting the eligibility requirements listed in clause 3;
  - (xiii) **Eligible Journal:** all journals published by Frontiers at the time of submission of an Eligible Article, including journals hosted by Frontiers on behalf of societies taking part in Frontiers' Publishing Partnership Program (except in case the relevant society has opted out of the Framework) as listed on Frontiers' website, and in Annex 4 and updated from time to time;
  - (xiv) **Enrolment Agreement:** the document by which an Eligible Institution formalizes its enrolment in the Framework and which shall be based either on the model Enrolment Agreement for Category A Participants reproduced in Annex 1 or on the model Enrolment Agreement for Category B Participants reproduced in Annex 2;
  - (xv) **Framework:** the financial and operational framework established by this Framework Agreement;
  - (xvi) **Participant:** an Eligible Institution having a signed an Enrolment Agreement; and
  - (xvii) **Term:** the terms of this Framework Agreement as defined in clause 13.1.
- 1.2. Interpretation rules: Throughout this Framework Agreement, defined terms shall be interpreted in both the singular and plural forms, as the context requires. Unless explicitly stated otherwise, references to any defined term in the singular form shall also include the plural form, and vice versa.
- 2. Structure**
- 2.1. Framework Agreement: This Framework Agreement consists of the terms contained herein and the Annexes referred to below. In case of any conflict of discrepancy between the main body of the Framework Agreement and the Annexes, the former shall prevail.
- 2.2. Enrolment Agreements: Each Enrolment Agreement signed by a Participant shall constitute a separate contract between Frontiers and the relevant Participant. For clarity, ZB MED shall have no responsibility for the performance of any Enrolment Agreement by Frontiers or the relevant Participant.

### 3. Eligibility requirements

- 3.1. Eligible Institutions: The following institutions are eligible to join the Framework:
- (i) Publicly and privately funded universities and research institutions in Germany;
  - (ii) The German National Library, all state and regional libraries as well as central specialist libraries;
  - (iii) Research libraries and special academic libraries predominantly under public law; and
  - (iv) Research institutes predominantly under public law, or research institutions supported by the federal and state governments, including those of public bodies based in the Federal Republic of Germany legal or predominantly public law funded legal scientific institutions supported by people abroad, such as the German Historical Institutes.
- 3.2. Current members of Frontiers Institutional Partnership: Eligible Institutions currently participating in Frontiers' Institutions Partnership program may participate in the Framework subject to the prior settlement of all amounts due to Frontiers.

### 4. General characteristics of the Framework

- 4.1. Options available to Participants: The Framework offers Participants the possibility to choose between two different options to settle the costs applicable to the publication of Eligible Articles in Eligible Journals by Frontiers, namely
- (i) a Flat Fee Option (Participants choosing this option shall be referred to as Category A Participants), and
  - (ii) a Metered Option (Participants choosing this option shall be referred to as Category B Participants).
- 4.2. Framework duration: The Framework is set for a period of three years starting on the Effective Date and Participants will take part in the Framework from the Effective Date (or any posterior start date mentioned in their Enrolment Agreement) until 31 December 2026, subject to earlier termination of the relevant Enrolment Agreement in accordance with its provisions.

### 5. Terms applicable to the Flat Fee Option

- 5.1. Publication fees coverage: The publication fees applicable to Eligible Articles by authors affiliated with a Category A Participants will be solely covered by the payment of the agreed Annual Flat Fees by the Category A Participant and Frontiers will not invoice the relevant Eligible Authors for any APC in relation thereto.
- 5.2. Annual Flat Fee to cover all Eligible Articles: The payment of Annual Flat Fee specified in the relevant Enrolment Agreement by a Category A Participant shall cover all publishing costs of all Eligible Articles related to this Participant published in Eligible Journals during the concerned annual period and Frontiers shall not invoice any amount in excess of this Annual Flat Fee to the Participant in relation thereto.
- 5.3. Annual Flat Fee structure for 2024 and 2025: The Annual Flat Fees for the year 2024 and 2025 will be specified in the Enrolment Agreement and will consist of a
- (i) a "Base Amount" which shall be due by the Participant irrespective of the number of Eligible Articles accepted for publication in Eligible Journals during the concerned annual period; and

- (ii) a “Growth contribution” which shall only be due in case the number of Eligible Articles accepted for publication in Eligible Journals during the concerned annual period exceeds the threshold defined in the Enrolment Agreement.

5.4. Annual Flat Fee structure for 2026: The Annual Flat Fee for the year 2026 as determined by the Parties will only consist of a Base Amount and will be notified by the Parties to the Participant no later than 31 July 2025.

5.5. Annual Flat Fee recalculation: Category A Participants will be entitled to a recalculation of an Annual Flat Fee in the event that the amount of such Annual Flat Fee appears to have been set too high in the light of the number of Eligible Articles related to such Participant accepted for publication in Eligible Journals during the relevant annual period, the amount of the relevant APCs applied by Frontiers for articles of the same journal and article type and the other correction factors described in clause 5.6. In such case, the relevant Participant will be informed accordingly by Frontiers by 31<sup>st</sup> of January of the following year. If the recalculation would lead to an amount lower than the Annual Flat Fee paid by the Participant, the difference will be either rolled over and deducted from any following Annual Flat Fee, or reimbursed by Frontiers to the Participant, as requested by the Participant.

5.6. Guidelines for Annual Flat Fee calculation: The amount of the Annual Flat Fees will be determined jointly by the Parties. To this effect, the Parties shall define guidelines for the calculation (and recalculation pursuant to clause 5.5) of the Annual Flat Fees based on the following elements:

- (i) the number of articles accepted for publication in Eligible Journals by corresponding authors affiliated with the relevant Eligible Institution in previous years since 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2022;
- (ii) the average amount of the APCs normally applicable to such articles since the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 2023;
- (iii) annual growth and inflation correction factors;
- (iv) discounts agreed by Frontiers.

## 6. Metered Option

6.1. Publication fees Coverage: Category B Participants shall select (via the eligibility verification procedure) each Eligible Article for which they decide to cover the publication fees by the payment of the Discounted APC specified in the Enrolment Agreement. In such cases, the payment of such Discounted APC by the Category B Participant shall cover all publication fees applicable to the selected Eligible Articles and Frontiers will not invoice the relevant Eligible Authors for any APC in relation thereto. For all other Eligible Articles published in Eligible Journals, Frontiers will invoice the relevant Eligible Authors for APCs at normal rate.

6.2. Discounted APCs calculation: Discounted APCs applicable to Eligible Articles selected by the Participant in accordance with clause 6.1 will be calculated by applying the discount specified in the Enrolment Agreement to the applicable APC amounts normally applied by Frontiers for publication of articles in Eligible Journals.

## 7. General invoicing and payment terms

7.1. Exclusion of VAT and other charges: All Annual Flat Fee or Discounted APC amounts specified in the Enrolment Agreement are exclusive of applicable VAT or other charges.

7.2. Currency: Unless otherwise agreed by Frontiers in writing, all Annual Flat Fee or Discounted APC amounts shall be payable in United States Dollars.

- 7.3. Payments terms: Frontiers invoices shall be payable within 60 days (for Flat Fee amounts) and 30 days for Discounted APC (the 30-day period shall also apply to any payment Annual Flat Fee before the start of the relevant annual period requested by Category A Participants).

## **8. Participants Enrolment Process**

- 8.1. Participants list: Frontiers and ZB MED will maintain a list of Participants and each of them shall keep a copy of the relevant signed Enrolment Agreements.
- 8.2. Enrolment period: Participants can enrol in the Framework by signing an Enrolment Agreement on or before the Effective Date or at a later date, being understood that Category A Participants can only join for the beginning of a quarter and before 31 December 2024.
- 8.3. Enrolment process: The Parties agree to follow the following process for the enrolment of any Participant:
- (i) ZB MED can invite any Eligible Institution to join the Framework;
  - (ii) ZB MED will manage the discussions with interested Eligible Institutions and inform Frontiers about any new potential Participant;
  - (iii) The Parties will jointly prepare and agree on the content of the relevant Enrolment Agreement (including where applicable the amount of the applicable Annual Flat Fees based on the guidelines listed in clause 5.6);and
  - (iv) Any new Participant will be admitted into the Framework once the Enrolment Agreement has been fully executed by the relevant Participant and Frontiers and the conditions specified in the Enrolment Agreement will apply as of the Start Date mentioned in such Enrolment Agreement.

## **9. Article Eligibility Verification Procedure and Point of Contact**

- 9.1. Online portal: The automated (Category A) or semi-automated (Category B) eligibility verification procedure takes place in principle through an online portal (referred to in clause 6.1) which access is granted to each Participant and to ZB MED by Frontiers. Access to the online portal will remain available to the Participant for the entire term of their participation in the Framework and for 30 days thereafter. Each Participant will provide (and update as needed) contact details for their central point of contact. Frontiers will be entitled to assume that any communication made through the provided contact and relating to the eligibility verification procedure is binding on the Participant for such purposes.
- 9.2. Matching requirements: Frontiers will identify and match Eligible Authors by verifying that any of the following requirement is fulfilled:
- (i) the Participant is selected by the corresponding author during the post-acceptance process;
  - (ii) the corresponding author's email address domain corresponds to the Participant;
  - (iii) the corresponding author's affiliation with the Participant is otherwise verified by Frontiers.
- 9.3. No match scenario: If the author cannot be matched following clause 9.2 above, Frontiers will assume that the article is not an Eligible Article and will invoice the corresponding author for that article at regular APCs applicable at time of submission without taking into account the Annual Flat Fee.

- 9.4. Corrections: If Frontiers determines at any time that the eligibility of an article was confirmed in error (for instance, when a non-eligible author indicated to Frontiers incorrectly that he/she is affiliated with a Participant) the article will be reclassified by Frontiers as non-eligible and Frontiers will instead invoice the author(s) or (if applicable) another organisation. In case, an author and/or a Participant demonstrates to the reasonable satisfaction of Frontiers that an Eligible Article was erroneously considered as Non-Eligible by Frontiers pursuant to the verification procedure above, and that such demonstration occurs within three months of the date of issuance of the relevant invoice, Frontiers will cancel such invoice and, where applicable, refund any APC amount paid to Frontiers in relation to such article which will be re-classified as an Eligible Article.
- 9.5. Publication and production process: The verification procedure will not in any way affect the publication process, and for accepted Eligible Articles, publication happens without undue delay following the production process.

## **10. Reporting and OA Switchboard**

- 10.1. Reporting content: Through the portal referred to in clause 9, Frontiers will make available to each Participant and to ZB MED the following information about Eligible Articles:
- (i) article title
  - (ii) DOI
  - (iii) journal title
  - (iv) APCs
  - (v) corresponding author names, affiliation, email addresses, co-author names
  - (vi) research funding information (research funder, funding statement and grant ID)
  - (vii) date of eligibility verification by
  - (viii) the article submission, acceptance, and publication date; and
  - (ix) article type.
- 10.2. Institutional view: Frontiers will build an institutional view (in a format to be confirmed) that allows Participants to access comprehensive and transparent information over authorships, editorial roles, international research projects (Research Topics) and relevant data regarding usage and citations.
- 10.3. OA Switchboard: Frontiers intends to implement a pilot with the OA Switchboard Initiative (as further described on <https://www.oaswitchboard.org/>) and will use its best efforts to offer ZB MED and Participants the possibility to participate in this pilot. The first phase of the pilot will focus on exposing Frontiers articles to institutions using OA Switchboard P1 notification messages and on standardizing the Frontiers articles metadata to match with OA Switchboard reporting requirements.

## **11. Frontiers Editorial processes and publication practices**

- 11.1. Availability of published Eligible Articles: Once published, all Eligible Articles in the relevant Eligible Journals become immediately and permanently accessible online, at no additional cost, via Frontiers websites, hosted journals websites and other repositories used by Frontiers.
- 11.2. Editorial processes, terms and conditions. All Eligible Articles submitted will remain subject to Frontiers' editorial processes, Terms and Conditions for Users, Frontiers Policies and publication

ethics guidelines and general policies and conditions applicable thereto (as updated from time to time by Frontiers), including authors' confirmation on behalf of the copyright owner(s) that they accept the CC-BY licensing terms when submitting their article. The specific arrangements set out in this Framework Agreement have no effect on the peer-review, acceptance, rejection, and retraction processes, and general policies and conditions in place at Frontiers as amended from time to time.

11.3. Text and data mining: Frontiers current terms and policies allow for text and data mining on all articles published in Eligible Journals for the legitimate purpose of enrichment of external collections of scientific literature and being understood that

- (i) the relevant content remains subject to the applicable licenses (CC-BY, CC0 or other relevant licence, see below clause 11.4) and all attribution and other conditions of such licenses must be complied with; and
- (ii) that Data Protection Laws apply to any mined or downloaded content containing personal data.

11.4. Copyright licensing and repositories: As of the date hereof, Frontiers applies and will continue to apply the following practices in the matter of copyright, licensing and repositories:

- (i) authors (or their organisations) retain their copyright;
- (ii) authors and Participants may archive, under the CC-BY license, any version of the publication and without any delay in any other repository or website;
- (iii) Frontiers publishes all content on its website <https://www.frontiersin.org/> under the Creative Commons "Attribution" (CC-BY) license, currently version 4.0 and automatically updated as and when updated by the Creative Commons organization. For articles published prior to July 2012, Frontiers published under the Creative Commons non-commercial (CC-BY-NC) licence;
- (iv) nothing in this Framework Agreement shall be taken to restrict, limit or curtail any provisions of the CC BY 4.0 (and automatically updated as and when updated by the Creative Commons organization) licenses used for publication by Frontiers of Eligible Articles;
- (v) Frontiers permits Participants to release metadata of published Frontiers articles using a Creative Commons License CC0;
- (vi) Frontiers publishes all content with a DOI creating a durable link to the content;
- (vii) Frontiers ensures that article metadata is submitted immediately upon publication to CrossRef, including licence information: the license URL element (<license\_ref>) pointing to the applicable Creative Commons licence URL and the <applies\_to> attribute with the value <vor> (Version of record). See: <https://www.crossref.org/education/content-registration/administrative-metadata/license-information> (information current as of January 2022);
- (viii) Frontiers automatically submits its content to various third-party repositories. To some repositories all peer-reviewed content is submitted; for example, the full-text of all articles is submitted to CLOCKSS for long term archiving and preservation. Abstracts and metadata of Frontiers journals are deposited in the DOAJ;
- (ix) depending on the journal, where relevant, content is also submitted to (or is indexed by) other repositories, such as PubMed Central, Europe PubMed Central, Google Scholar (all journals, crawled by Google), CAS, OpenAIRE, Web of Science, Scopus,

Embase, Ei Compendex, Semantic Scholar, PsychINFO, Ulrich's Periodicals Directory;

- (x) the repositories in which Frontiers content is deposited are dynamic, and no repository gives any guarantee that it will maintain its relationship with any publisher, but Frontiers strives to ensure that all its journals, including new journals, are referenced in all major repositories, and in particular the DOAJ (Plan S' journal checker tool uses the DOAJ as well); and
- (xi) Frontiers provides website uptime in accordance with industry standards and will restore access as soon as possible in the event of an interruption or suspension.

11.5. No limitation: Nothing in this Framework Agreement shall be construed as impairing or restricting the above.

## 12. Term and Termination of the Framework Agreement

12.1. Term: This Framework Agreement enters into force on the Effective Date and shall expire on 31 December 2026, unless earlier terminated by a Party in accordance with clause 12.3.

12.2. Opportunity for renewal and extension: At the latest six months before the end of the Term, the Parties will initiate good faith discussions in view of a potential renewal and extension of this Framework Agreement.

12.3. Termination: Each of the Parties may terminate this Framework Agreement with immediate effect by written notice to the other Party in case the other Party

- (i) commits a material breach of this Framework Agreement and fails to remedy that breach within 30 days following written notice by terminating Party, specifying the breach and requiring that it be remedied; or
- (ii) is unable to pay its debts as they become due, or ceases or threatens to cease to carry on business, goes into administration, receivership or administrative receivership, or any event analogous to any of the foregoing occurs in any jurisdiction.

12.4. Consequences of termination: In case of Termination of the Framework Agreement before its Term, each Enrolment Agreement in force at such time shall continue to apply between Frontiers and the relevant Participant until the end of the relevant annual period, unless earlier terminated by Frontiers or the relevant Participant in accordance with their provisions.

## 13. Term and Termination of Enrolment Agreements

13.1. Term: Each Enrolment Agreement shall become effective as of the start date specified therein and shall expire on 31 December 2026, subject to earlier termination in accordance with its provisions.

13.2. Termination: Termination of Enrolment Agreements shall be based on the following principles:

- (i) Category A Participants can terminate Enrolment Agreements for 31 December 2025 by sending a written notice of termination to Frontiers by 30 September 2025.
- (ii) Category B Participants can terminate Enrolment Agreements for 31 December 2024 or 31 December 2025 by sending a written notice of termination to Frontiers by 30 September of the relevant year.

13.3. Consequences of termination: The termination of an Enrolment Agreement shall not affect the duration or validity of the Framework Agreement and of other Enrolment Agreements.



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- 13.4. Information to ZB Med: Frontiers will promptly inform ZB MED in case of any termination of an Enrolment Agreement before its normal expiration date

## **14. Promotion and Communication**

- 14.1. Promotion: Each of the Parties agree to use good faith efforts to promote the Framework towards its audience and stakeholders.
- 14.2. Press release and use of brand assets: Within 10 days following the execution of the Framework Agreement, the Parties will agree on a press release and other forms of internet and public communication (each Party's website, social media channels, etc) about the Framework, the Framework Agreement, which may include the Parties' name and logo. Any further use by a Party of the other Party's name and logo shall be subject to such other Party's prior written approval.

## **15. Confidentiality and Data Protection**

- 15.1. Confidentiality: Each of the Parties hereto undertake to keep confidential all data, documents and information provided to such party by any other party in connection with the negotiation, execution and performance of the Framework Agreement, subject to the following terms and conditions:
- (i) each of the Parties shall have the right to publicly disclose the Framework Agreement and its Annexes, or otherwise communicate their content to third parties; and
  - (ii) each of the Parties shall have the right to disclose any data, documents and information referred to in, or otherwise related to, this Framework Agreement (a) on a need-to-know basis, to its affiliates, licensees, suppliers, contractors or other persons, where necessary to enable it to exercise its rights hereunder and provided that all such persons or entities to whom disclosure is made agree in writing to respect this clause 15.1 and (b) to the extent that such disclosure is necessary for legal or administrative proceedings, after notifying the other Party in writing, in a timely manner, of such intended disclosure and providing details in relation to the applicable legal or governmental proceedings.
- 15.2. Protection of Personal Data: The terms of the Data Protection Addendum at Annex 3 shall apply in relation to the processing of personal data by the Parties in connection with this Framework Agreement. The processing of personal data of Eligible Authors by Frontiers in connection with the submission, review, publication of Eligible Articles will be carried out in compliance with Data Protection Laws and Frontiers' privacy policy available on Frontiers website, as updated from time to time.

## **16. Miscellaneous**

- 16.1. Modification to be made in writing: This Framework Agreement may be modified only by a written instrument duly executed by each of the Parties.
- 16.2. Entire agreement: This Framework Agreement contains all of the terms and conditions agreed upon by the Parties relating to the subject matter of this Framework Agreement and supersedes all prior agreements, negotiations, correspondence, undertakings and communications of the Parties, whether oral or written, with respect to such subject matter.
- 16.3. Notices: Any notice or other communication made under this Framework Agreement shall be in writing, in English, and shall be either a) mailed by certified mail, or b) emailed with a same day copy by certified mail, to the addresses set forth on the title page, with a copy, in case of notice sent to Frontiers, to [legal.notices@frontiersin.org](mailto:legal.notices@frontiersin.org). Such addresses may be changed, from time to time, by means of a notice given by email (effective subject to confirmation of receipt).

- 16.4. Severability: If any provision of this Framework Agreement is held to be unenforceable for any reason, it shall be adjusted rather than voided, if possible, to achieve the intent of the Parties to the fullest extent possible. In any event, all other provisions of this Framework Agreement shall remain valid and enforceable to the fullest extent possible.
- 16.5. Limitation of liability: Under no circumstances shall any Party be liable for any consequential, indirect, or special losses howsoever arising or for any loss of profits, revenue, interest, goodwill, business and/or savings of any other Party.
- 16.6. Counterparts: This Framework Agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which when executed shall be deemed to be an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- 16.7. Electronic signatures: The Parties acknowledge that this Framework Agreement may be signed and delivered by electronic means. The use of electronic signatures and of scanned signatures is hereby authorized and accepted as binding between the Parties.

## **17. Governing law and dispute resolution**

- 17.1. Governing law: This Framework Agreement is governed by German laws without application of conflicts of laws principles thereof.
- 17.2. Mediation: The Parties shall use their best efforts to resolve any dispute in relation to the interpretation or performance of this Framework Agreement by way of negotiation, including by escalating hierarchically in order to ensure that the matter is considered at the highest levels of responsibility. In the event that the parties cannot, by exercise of their good faith efforts, resolve the dispute, they shall submit the dispute to informal mediation, as further described below in this paragraph. The parties shall continue to perform their respective obligations under this Framework Agreement that are not affected by the dispute. The party invoking mediation shall give to the other party written notice of its decision to seek informal mediation, and the notice must include a description of the issues subject to the dispute and a proposed resolution thereof. Designated representatives of both parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute within five (5) working days after such notice. If those designated representatives cannot resolve the dispute, the parties shall meet at a mutually agreeable location and describe the dispute and their respective proposals for resolution to responsible executives of the disputing parties, who shall act in good faith to resolve the dispute.
- 17.3. Jurisdiction: Any dispute that cannot be resolved amicably shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdictions of the courts of Köln Germany.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** the parties hereto have caused this Framework Agreement to be duly executed by their respective authorized officers as of the day and year indicated below

**For ZB MED:**

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ [signature] \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: Prof. Dr. Dietrich Rebholz-Schuhmann

Title: Scientific Director

Date: 12 December 2023

**For Frontiers Media SA**

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ [signature] \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: Frank Vazquez

Title: Director of Partnerships

Date: 12 December 2023

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ [signature] \_\_\_\_\_

Full name: Ronald Buitenhuis

Title: Head of Institutional Partnerships

Date: 12 December 2023

**Annexes:**

Annex 1 – Model Enrolment Agreement for Category A Participants (Flat Fee Option)

Annex 2 – Model Enrolment Agreement for Category A Participants (Metered Option)

Annex 3 – Data Protection Addendum

Annex 4 – List of Eligible Journals on the Effective Date

**Annex 1 – Model Enrolment Agreement for Category A Participants (Flat Fee Option)**

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**ENROLMENT AGREEMENT**

**BACKGROUND**

Deutsche Zentralbibliothek für Medizin ZB MED)- Informationszentrum Lebenswissenschaftler) (“**ZB MED**”) and Frontiers Media SA (“**Frontiers**”) have concluded an Open Access Publishing Framework Agreement (the “**Framework Agreement**”). The Framework Agreement establishes a new framework starting on 1 January 2024 that allows eligible German scientific and academic institutions to benefit from favourable financial terms and conditions and removes financial and administrative obstacles for authors affiliated with these institutions (the “**Framework**”). By the signature of this Enrolment Agreement, the participating institution named below (the “**Participant**”) confirms its decision to enrol in the Framework in accordance with the enrolment terms and conditions below. Unless otherwise defined in this Enrolment Agreement, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning provided in the Framework Agreement.

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Full legal name	[...]
Registered address	[...], Germany
Contact person	Name [...], Title [...], email address [....]
General email address for notices	[...]

**START DATE:** [...] 2024

**FINANCIAL TERMS**

<b>Annual Flat Fees</b>	<b>Amount in USD (exclusive of VAT and other applicable charges)</b>
<b>2024 Annual Flat Fee</b>	
Base amount	[...]
Growth contribution	[...]
Articles threshold	The growth contribution is due in case of acceptance for publication in eligible Journal of [...] or more Eligible Articles in 2024
<b>2025 Annual Flat Fee</b>	
Base amount:	[...]
Growth contribution:	[...]
Articles threshold	The growth contribution is due in case of acceptance for publication in eligible Journal of [...] or more Eligible Articles in 2025
<b>2026 Annual Flat Fee</b>	
Base amount	to be notified to the Participant no later than 31 July 2025

**INVOICING**

**Base amount (select the preferred option):**  in full at the beginning of each year  pro-rata in twice-yearly instalments (January and July),  pro-rata at the start of each quarter.

If applicable, any growth contribution will be invoiced by 31 January of the following year.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **Agreement:** The Participant is aware of the terms of the Framework Agreement and agrees to participate in the Framework in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement and of this Enrolment Agreement. The Participant understands that by its signature of this Enrolment Agreement, it enters into a binding agreement with Frontiers under the present terms and conditions.
2. **Payment of Fees:** The Participant agrees to pay the Annual Flat Fees specified in this Enrolment Agreement as a consideration for Frontiers publishing Eligible Articles in Eligible Journals. The Participant understands that the Flat Fee for 2026 will be notified to the Participant by Frontiers no later than 31 July 2025 and will be based on the calculation principles described in the Framework Agreement.
3. **Recalculation of Fees:** the Participant will be entitled to a recalculation of an Annual Flat Fee in the event that the amount of such Annual Flat Fee appears to have been set too high in the light of the number Eligible Articles related to the Participant accepted for publication in Eligible Journals during the relevant annual period, the amount of the relevant APCs applied by Frontiers for articles of the same category in the same journal and the other correction factors described in the Framework Agreement. In such case, the relevant Participant will be informed accordingly by Frontiers by 31st of January of the following year. If the recalculation would lead to an amount lower than the Annual Flat Fee paid by the Participant, the difference will be either rolled over and deducted from any following Annual Flat Fee, or reimbursed by Frontiers to the Participant, as requested by the Participant.
4. **Payment terms:** all invoices shall be payable within 60 days. If the Participant requests advanced billing of the annual Flat Fee for the following year (for 2025 or 2026), the relevant amount will be invoiced by 31 December of the current year and will be payable within 30 days.
5. **Reporting:** Frontiers will report information about Eligible Articles to the Participant via the online portal described in the Framework Agreement
6. **Communication:** Each party may use the other party's name and logo solely for the purposes of communicating about the Participant's enrolment in the Framework. Any further use the other Party's name and logo shall be subject to such other party's prior written approval.
7. **Confidentiality:** Each of the Participant and Frontiers shall have the right to make this Enrolment Agreement public, including without limitation by way of publication on the internet. Each of the Parties agree to keep any information, documents, graphics, calculation formula, notes, received from the other Party or from ZB MED in the context of the negotiation and performance of this Enrolment Agreement ("Confidential Information") confidential and not to disclose such Confidential Information with any third party unless where such disclosure (i) has been authorized by the other party in writing; (ii) is legally required of the disclosing party in the context of any legal or administrative proceedings; or (iii) is made on a need-to-know basis, to affiliates, or contractors of the disclosing party who have agreed in writing to keep such Confidential Information confidential.
8. **Data protection:** the Annex 3 Data Protection Addendum of the Framework Agreement shall apply to any processing of personal data by the parties in the context of this Enrolment Agreement.
9. **Term:** This Enrolment Agreement will enter into effect on the Start Date specified above and, unless terminated earlier, will expire on 31 December 2026.
10. **Termination:** The Enrolment Agreement will be automatically terminated for the end of the current year in case the Framework Agreement is terminated for any reason. Each of the Participant and Frontiers may terminate this Enrolment Agreement with immediate effect in case the other party (i) commits a material breach of this Enrolment Agreement and fails to remedy that breach within 30 days following written notice by terminating Party, specifying the breach and requiring that it be remedied or (ii) is unable to pay its debts as they become due, or ceases or threatens to cease to carry on business, goes into administration, receivership or administrative receivership. In addition, the Participant may terminate this Enrolment Agreement for 31 December 2025 by sending a written notice to Frontiers no later than 30 September 2025. Unless the Enrolment Agreement is terminated by Frontiers for breach of the Agreement by the Participants, Frontiers will reimburse the Participant the unused portion of any Annual Flat Fee paid for the year during termination occurs by the date termination is effective.
11. **Notices:** all notices to be made under this Enrolment Agreement can validly be made via email, in the case of Frontiers by sending a written notice to the Participant's contact person email address and/or to the Participant's general email address (as indicated herein), and in the case of the Participant by sending a written notice to Frontiers at the following email address [legal.notices@frontiersin.org](mailto:legal.notices@frontiersin.org).
12. **Applicable law and jurisdiction:** this Enrolment Agreement is governed by German laws, without application of principles of conflicts of laws. Any dispute that cannot be resolved amicably shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdictions of the courts of Köln Germany.

**Signature on behalf of the Participant**

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Full name:

Full name:

Title:

Title:

Date:

Date:

**Annex 2 – Model Enrolment Agreement for Category B Participants (Metered Option)**

**Frontiers – ZB MED: Open Access Publishing Framework Agreement**

**ENROLMENT AGREEMENT**

**BACKGROUND**

Deutsche Zentralbibliothek für Medizin ZB MED)- Informationszentrum Lebenswissenschaftler) (“**ZB MED**”) and Frontiers Media SA (“**Frontiers**”) have concluded an Open Access Publishing Framework Agreement (the “**Framework Agreement**”). The Framework Agreement establishes a new framework starting on 1 January 2024 that allows eligible German scientific and academic institutions to benefit from favourable financial terms and conditions and removes financial and administrative obstacles for authors affiliated with these institutions (the “**Framework**”). By the signature of this Enrolment Agreement, the participating institution named below (the “**Participant**”) confirms its decision to enrol in the Framework in accordance with the enrolment terms and conditions below. Unless otherwise defined in this Enrolment Agreement, all capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning provided in the Framework Agreement.

**PARTICIPANT INFORMATION**

Full legal name	[...]
Registered address	[...], Germany
Contact person	Name [...], Title [...], email address [...]
General email address for notices	[...]

**START DATE:** [...] 2024

**FINANCIAL TERMS**

Each Eligible Article selected by the Participant will benefit from a discount rate of 10% on the relevant applicable APC amounts applied by Frontiers in Germany for the relevant article type.

**INVOICING**

Select the preferred invoicing option:

- Pre-payment: Funds are deposited into a Frontiers account and used to pay for APCs of accepted articles. Funds remain available without time limit.
- Monthly invoicing: APCs for all accepted articles within a given month are aggregated into a monthly invoice. No pre-payment or deposit required.
- Direct invoicing: APCs for all accepted articles are sent directly (individually, per article) to the Participant contact person. No pre-payment or deposit required.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. **Agreement:** The Participant is aware of the terms of the Framework Agreement and agrees to participate in the Framework in accordance with the terms of the Framework Agreement and of this Enrolment Agreement. The Participant understands that by its signature of this Enrolment Agreement, it enters into a binding agreement with Frontiers under the present terms and conditions.
2. **Selection of Eligible Articles:** the Participant shall select each Eligible Article for which it wishes to pay the relevant publishing charges through the payment of Discounted APCs. For these selected articles, Frontiers will not invoice any amount to the relevant Eligible Authors. For all other Eligible Articles accepted for publication in Eligible Journals, APCs at normal rate will be invoiced to the relevant Eligible Authors.
3. **Payment of Discounted APCs:** The Participant agrees to pay the discounted APC specified in this Enrolment Agreement as a consideration for Frontiers publishing in Eligible Journals the Eligible Articles that are selected by the Participant.
4. **Payment terms:** all invoices shall be payable within 30 days.
5. **Reporting:** Frontiers will report information about the publication of Eligible Articles to the Participant via the online portal described in the Framework Agreement
6. **Communication:** Each party may use the other party's name and logo solely for the purposes of communicating about the Participant's enrolment in the Framework. Any further use the other party's name and logo shall be subject to such other party's prior written approval.
7. **Confidentiality:** Each of the Participant and Frontiers shall have the right to make this Enrolment Agreement public, including without limitation by way of publication on the internet. Each of the Parties agree to keep any information, documents, graphics, calculation formula, notes, received from the other party or ZB MED in the context of the negotiation and performance of this Enrolment Agreement ("Confidential Information") confidential and not to disclose such Confidential Information with any third party unless where such disclosure (i) has been authorized by the other Party in writing; (ii) is legally required of the disclosing party in the context of any legal or administrative proceedings; or (iii) is made on a need-to-know basis, to affiliates, or contractors of the disclosing party who have agreed in writing to keep such Confidential Information confidential.
8. **Data protection:** the Annex 3 Data Protection Addendum of the Framework Agreement shall apply to any processing of personal data by the parties in the context of this Enrolment Agreement.
9. **Term:** This Enrolment Agreement will enter into effect on the Start Date specified above and, unless terminated earlier, will expire on 31 December 2026.
10. **Termination:** The Enrolment Agreement will be automatically terminated for the end of the current year in case the Framework Agreement is terminated for any reason. Each of the Participant and Frontiers may terminate this Enrolment Agreement with immediate effect in case the other party (i) commits a material breach of this Enrolment Agreement and fails to remedy that breach within 30 days following written notice by terminating Party, specifying the breach and requiring that it be remedied or (ii) is unable to pay its debts as they become due, or ceases or threatens to cease to carry on business, goes into administration, receivership or administrative receivership. In addition, the Participant may terminate this Enrolment Agreement for the 31 December 2024, or 31 December 2025 by sending a written notice to Frontiers no later than 30 September of the relevant year. Unless the Enrolment Agreement is terminated by Frontiers for breach of the Agreement by the Participants, Frontiers will reimburse the Participant the unused portion of any amount pre-paid by the Participant by the date termination is effective.
13. **Notices:** all notices to be made under this Enrolment Agreement can validly be made via email, in the case of Frontiers by sending a written notice to the Participant's contact person email address and/or to the Participant's general email address (as indicated herein), and in the case of the Participant by sending a written notice to Frontiers at the following email address [legal.notices@frontiersin.org](mailto:legal.notices@frontiersin.org).
14. **Applicable law and jurisdiction:** this Enrolment Agreement is governed by German laws, without application of principles of conflicts of laws. Any dispute that cannot be resolved amicably shall be submitted to the exclusive jurisdictions of the courts of Köln, Germany.

**Signature on behalf of the Participant**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Full name:

Full name:

Title:

Title:

Date:

Date:

**Annex 3 – Data Protection Addendum**

The following provisions shall apply with regards to the processing of personal data in connection with the Framework Agreement and each Enrolment Agreement (each an “Agreement”):

**1. Definitions: the following definition shall apply in this Addendum**

- (i) **“Data Controller”** means the natural or legal person which determines the purposes and means of the processing of personal data;
- (ii) **“Data Protection Laws”** means all data protection and privacy laws, regulations and mandatory guidance that may be applicable to the parties, including, in particular (i) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the Processing of Personal Data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC and its amendments (“GDPR”); the Swiss Federal Act on Data Protection of 25 September 2020, in force as of 1 September 2023 and its ordinances (“FADP”); (ii) and any related national laws or regulations;
- (iii) **“Non-adequate Countries”** means any country or territory which does not benefit from an adequacy decision issued by the competent authorities.

**2. Independent controllers:** When processing personal data in connection with an Agreement, each party will act as an independent Data Controller and will be responsible to ensure that its processing of personal data in connection with such Agreement complies with Data Protection Laws.

**3. Mutual data protection terms:** Where the performance of the Agreement requires that its parties process personal data, for instance by sharing personal data between them, each party shall

- (i) ensure that it has a lawful basis for processing personal data, having informed all relevant data subjects about this sharing of personal data with the other party as required by data protection laws;
- (ii) ensure that personal data is processed only to the extent necessary for the performance of the Agreement;
- (iii) implement appropriate technical and organisational measures to ensure the security of the personal data;
- (iv) take any measures necessary to ensure that personal data is adequately protected in case of transfer to a recipient located in Non-Adequate Countries;
- (v) ensure that any third-party service providers engaged in connection with the performance of the Agreement are subject to appropriate data protection obligations;
- (vi) notify the other party without undue delay in the event of a personal data breach, and
- (vii) cooperate with the other party in responding to any requests from data subjects exercising their rights under the data protection laws.

**4. Obligation on termination of the Agreement:** Where a party receives personal data from the other party in connection with the Agreement, the receiving party shall delete or return such personal data to the disclosing party promptly after termination of the Agreement, unless the receiving party has a legal basis to keep processing such personal data for a longer period.

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**Annex 4 – List of Eligible Journals on the Effective Date**

**IMPORTANT:** The list below indicates the journals published by Frontiers as of 1st of January 2024, including journals published on behalf of societies part of Frontiers Publishing Partnership Program (or "Hosted Journals"). It also indicates the amount of the Article Processing Charges normally applied by Frontiers to the different article categories in each of these journals. Both the list of journals and the APC amounts are subject to changes, as may be decided by Frontiers from time to time.

<b>Journals</b>	<b>Article type A</b>	<b>Article type B</b>	<b>Article type C</b>
Frontiers in Acoustics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Adolescent Medicine	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Advanced Optical Technologies	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Aerospace Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Aging	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Aging Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Agronomy	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Allergy	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Amphibian and Reptile Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Analytical Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Anesthesiology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Animal Science	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Antennas and Propagation	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Antibiotics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Applied Mathematics and Statistics	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Aquaculture	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Arachnid Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Astronomy and Space Sciences	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Audiology and Otology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Bacteriology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Batteries and Electrochemistry	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Bee Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Behavioral Economics	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Big Data	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Bioengineering and Biotechnology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Bioinformatics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Biomaterials Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Biophysics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Bird Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Blockchain	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Built Environment	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Cancer Control and Society	\$2125	\$975	\$490

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Frontiers in Cancer Interception	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Carbon	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Catalysis	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Cell Death	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Cell Signaling	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Cellular and Infection Microbiology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Cellular Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Ceramics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Chemical Biology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Chemical Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Chemistry	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Climate	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Clinical Diabetes and Healthcare	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Clinical Microbiology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Coatings, Dyes and Interface Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Cognition	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Communication	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Communications and Networks	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Complex Systems	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Computational Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Computational Physiology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Computer Science	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Conservation Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Control Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Dementia	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Dental Medicine	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Design Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Detector Science and Technology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Developmental Psychology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Digital Health	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Disaster and Emergency Medicine	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Drug Delivery	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Drug Discovery	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Drug Safety and Regulation	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Earth Observation and Land Monitoring	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Earth Science	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution	\$2795	\$1285	\$490
Frontiers in Education	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Electronic Materials	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Electronics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Endocrinology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Energy Efficiency	\$2125	\$975	\$490

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Frontiers in Energy Research	\$2795	\$1285	\$490
Frontiers in Environmental Archaeology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Environmental Chemistry	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Environmental Economics	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Environmental Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Environmental Health	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Environmental Science	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Environmental Toxicology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Epidemiology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Epigenetics and Epigenomics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Ethology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Fish Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Food Science and Technology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Forests and Global Change	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Freshwater Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Fuels	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Fungal Biology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Future Transportation	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Gastroenterology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Genetic Disorders	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Genetics	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Genome Editing	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Geochemistry	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Global Women's Health	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Health Services	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Hematology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in High Performance Computing	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Horticulture	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Human Dynamics	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Human Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Imaging	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Immunology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Industrial Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Industrial Microbiology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Insect Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Integrative Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Lab on a Chip Technologies	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Language Sciences	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Lupus	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Malaria	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Mammal Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Manufacturing Technology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Marine Science	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Materials	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Mechanical Engineering	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Medical Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490

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Frontiers in Medical Technology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Medicine	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Membrane Science and Technology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Metals and Alloys	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Microbiology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Microbiomes	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Molecular Biosciences	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Molecular Medicine	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Molecular Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Mollusk Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Musculoskeletal Disorders	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Nanotechnology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Natural Products	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Nephrology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Network Physiology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Neural Circuits	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Neuroanatomy	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Neuroergonomics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Neuroimaging	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Neuroinflammation	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Neuroinformatics	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Neurology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Neuropsychiatry	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Neurorobotics	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Nuclear Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Nuclear Medicine	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Nutrition	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Ocean Engineering	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Ocean Sustainability	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Oncology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Ophthalmology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Oral Health	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Organizational Psychology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Pain Research	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Parasitology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Pediatrics	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Personality Disorders	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Pharmacology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Photobiology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Photonics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Physics	\$2795	\$1285	\$490
Frontiers in Physiology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Plant Genomics	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Plant Physiology	\$2125	\$975	\$490

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Frontiers in Plant Science	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Political Science	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Polymer Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Protistology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Psychiatry	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Psychology	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Public Health	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Quantum Science and Technology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Radiology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Regenerative Medicine	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Rehabilitation Sciences	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Remote Sensing	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Reproductive Health	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Research Metrics and Analytics	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in RNA Research	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Robotics and AI	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Sensors	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Signal Processing	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Sleep	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Smart Grids	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Social Psychology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Sociology	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Soft Matter	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Soil Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Solar Energy	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Space Technologies	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Sports and Active Living	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Stroke	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Surgery	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Sustainability	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Sustainable Cities	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Sustainable Energy Policy	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Sustainable Food Systems	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Sustainable Resource Management	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Sustainable Tourism	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Synaptic Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Synthetic Biology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Systems Biology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Systems Neuroscience	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Taxonomy	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in The Internet of Things	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Thermal Engineering	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Toxicology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Transplantation	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Tropical Diseases	\$2125	\$975	\$490

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Frontiers in Tuberculosis	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Urology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Veterinary Science	\$3295	\$2095	\$490
Frontiers in Virology	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Virtual Reality	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Water	\$1285	\$780	\$490
Frontiers in Wind Energy	\$2125	\$975	\$490
Frontiers in Worm Science	\$2125	\$975	\$490

<b>Hosted Journals</b>	<b>Article type A</b>	<b>Article type B</b>	<b>Article type C</b>
Acta Biochimica Polonica	\$1750	\$900	Free
Acta Virologica	€1950	€1000	Free
Advances in Drug and Alcohol Research	\$2500	\$2000	\$900
British Journal of Biomedical Science	GBP 1900	GBP 1480	Free
Dystonia	\$1500	\$1200	\$800
Earth Science Systems and Society	\$1950	\$1500	\$1000
European Journal of Cultural Management and Policy	€1250	€1000	€667
Experimental Biology and Medicine	\$2950	\$1350	Free
International Journal of Public Health	CHF 2300	CHF 1700	CHF 1000
Journal of Abdominal Wall Surgery	€1250	€1000	€667
Journal of Cutaneous Immunology and Allergy	\$2600	\$1200	Free
Journal of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences	\$2220	\$1000	Free
Pathology & Oncology Research	\$2500	\$900	Free
Public Health Reviews	CHF 1980	CHF 1400	CHF 900
Spanish Journal of Soil Science	€1250	€1000	€667
Transplant International	€2700	€2200	€700

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