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This is in relation to the transition period for hybrid journals. Three years is quite a short time for this, and we feel that the effect could be to separate Plan S research from non-Gold OA research in terms of the outlets in which it is published. This would potentially be to the detriment of academic fields, and to the quality of scholarly dialogue, particularly in fields that are currently classified by international and multidisciplinary academic communities. In fields that are currently characterised by debate and exchange between disciplines that are more and less likely to be covered by funders within Plan S, and between countries that are and are not within Plan S geography, we could end up with de facto separate journals (i.e. those that are and are not Plan S-compliant), and ultimately separate and less conversant research communities. This would be bad news for any academic field, particularly one as international and multidisciplinary as the sociology of health and illness.