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Introduction

Dear colleague,

Thank you for taking part in the PLATO (Platinum Open Access Funding) Study dedicated to gaining a better understanding of the Swiss Platinum Open Access landscape (open access journals that do not charge fees to either authors or readers).

Your responses play a crucial role in assessing the challenges, opportunities and needs of Swiss platinum open access journals. They will provide the baseline for discussing sustainable funding models.

The survey takes approximately 10 minutes. It consists of three parts:

1. Demographics
2. Job Details
3. Publication Process

We ensure your privacy by pseudo-anonymizing all

responses before sharing any insights.

The non-anonymized data will be deleted from Qualtrics upon survey completion. It will be long-term stored at a secured server at the University of Zurich. Only the BFH survey team consisting of Prof. Dr. Christian Hopp and Dr. Gernot Pruschak as well as the PLATO project manager, Dr. Daniela Hahn, will have direct access to the full responses. In addition, one authorized person from each PLATO member institution (University of Zurich, University of Bern, University of Geneva, University of Neuchatel, Zurich University of the Arts, ETH Zurich) can, upon request, receive access to the non-anonymized data after signing non-disclosure agreements.

In the following, we explicitly ask for your consent for participating in the study:

My participation in this survey is voluntary. There is no explicit or implicit coercion whatsoever to participate.

Yes

I have the right not to answer any of the questions. If I feel uncomfortable in any way while filling out the survey, I

can end the survey immediately.

Yes

I am aware of the guarantee that the researchers will not identify me by name or function in any reports using information obtained from this survey, and that my confidentiality as a participant in this study will remain secure.

Yes

I agree that my pseudo-anonymized responses (double-checked by a data expert) will be provided in the public domain via open data sharing of the whole survey dataset using a CC0 (no rights remain) license. This will not include any data that could lead to the identification of individual participants.

Yes

Maybe - The researchers shall send me my pseudo-anonymized responses via e-mail before I decide on whether they can be shared in the public domain. E-mail:

Demographics

Where are you currently employed? (multiple responses possible)

- University
- Other Higher Educational Institution
- Other Educational Institution
- Research Lab
- Museum
- Hospital
- Governmental Research Agency
- Other Research Organization
- Law Firm
- Government Agency
- Private Industry
- Freelancer
- Other:

Where is your primary employer based?

Country/Territory

With which gender do you identify?

- Man
- Woman
- Non-binary / third gender
- Other
- Prefer not to say

How old are you?

Age in Years

JobDetails

What is your current job position?

- Department Head
- Tenured Professor
- Assistant/ Junior Professor
- Postdoc
- PhD Student
- Lawyer
- Medical Doctor
- Practitioner
- Other:

In which year did you publish your first article in any academic or artistic journal?

How many articles have you approximately published in peer reviewed academic or artistic journals in the period from 01/01/2019 to 12/31/2021?

How many of these articles were published ...

closed access? (readers require subscription or pay for access)

green open access? (published in repository after closed access publication)

hybrid open access? (journals publishing closed and open access)

gold open access? (journals charging APCs)

platinum open access? (journals
charging neither readers nor authors)

How many reviews have you approximately performed
for academic or artistic journals in the period from
01/01/2019 to 12/31/2021?

Publication Process

Please describe your motivation for publishing in [Journal
Name]?

Please compare the publication process of [Journal
Name] to the publication process you experienced with
other journals that charge subscription fees or APCs:

Roughly

Definitely Worse Worse Same Better Definitely Better

Not Applicable

Duration from Submission to Acceptance	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Duration from Acceptance to Publication	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Quality of Reviewer Comments	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Correspondence with the Editors	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Handling of Article Proofs	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>
Technical setup of the submission system	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/>



Are there any additional differences between the publication process in [Journal Name] and in journals charging subscription fees or APCs?

Have you published in other Platinum open access journals (journals charging neither readers nor authors)?

- Yes, in:
- No

Did your experience from publishing in [Journal Name] differ from publishing in other platinum open access journals?

	No, very similar	Quite similar	Differed slightly	Yes, differed a lot	NA
Similarity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Please consider the SCIENTIFIC impact of your last publication in [Journal Name] and compare it to your other publications in ...

	Definitely Less Impactful	Less Impactful	Roughly the Same	More Impactful	Definitely More Impactful	Not Applicable
closed access journals.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>
hybrid open access journals.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>
gold open access journals.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>

If [Journal Name] charged authors article processing charges, would you still submit to this journal?

- Yes
- Yes but only if its scientific impact factor was higher
- No

Please consider the SOCIETAL impact of your last publication in [Journal Name] and compare it to your other publications in ...

	Definitely Less Impactful	Less Impactful	Roughly the Same	More Impactful	Definitely More Impactful	Not Applicable
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hybrid open access journals.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>
gold open access journals.	<input checked="" type="radio"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>

Have you also acted as a reviewer for [Journal Name]?

- Yes
- No

How did reviewing in [Journal Name] differ from reviewing for other journals that charge subscription fees or APCs?

Please consider the SCIENTIFIC impact of platinum open access journals (journals charging neither readers nor

authors) IN GENERAL compared to ...

	Definitely Less Impactful	Less Impactful	Roughly the Same	More Impactful	Definitely More Impactful	Not Applicable
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hybrid open access journals.	<input type="radio"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>
gold open access journals.	<input type="radio"/>					<input type="checkbox"/>



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Final questions

Are you part of the editorial board of a platinum open access journal (journal charging neither authors nor readers)?

- No
- Yes, Editorial Board Member
- Yes, Editor
- Yes, Editor-In-Chief
- Yes, Other:

May we contact you with a separate survey addressing editorial insights on Swiss platinum open access publishing?

- Yes
- No

Please provide your e-mail for the editorial follow-up survey:

Is there anything else you would like us to know?

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