

Plan S & Rights Retention

*Helping researchers retain their rights
and share their work Open Access*



cOAlition S: Rights Retention Strategy

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What is the cOAlition S Rights Retention Strategy?

- The *Rights Retention Strategy* enables researchers to continue publishing in journals of their choice while fulfilling the cOAlition S mandate to publish with immediate Open Access.
- cOAlition S Organisations now require that **at least the AAM** of all peer reviewed scholarly publications reporting on original research supported in whole or in part by their funding **are published with a CC BY licence and with no embargo**.
- **Publishers have been notified** of the strategy and invited to amend their policies to expressly allow immediate Open Access to accepted manuscripts under a CC BY licence. This notice, and the researcher's instruction to the publisher in (1) below, take legal precedence over any later copyright or licensing agreement that researchers may sign with a publisher. It helps researchers keep sufficient intellectual ownership and the rights to share their work and allows them to comply with their funder's policies.

Why has cOAlition S developed the Rights Retention Strategy?

- To ensure that cOAlition S funded researchers continue to have the freedom to publish in as wide a variety of journals as possible, including subscription journals.
- To ensure that at least the AAM of cOAlition S funded research articles is immediately available Open Access in a repository at the moment of publication, with zero embargo under a CC BY licence.
- To enable researchers to comply with their funder's Open Access requirements when seeking to publish in subscription journals that fail to provide a Plan S compliant route to make the Version of Record (VoR) available in Open Access.

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What should researchers do?

Funded researchers – and especially those who wish to publish in subscription or ‘hybrid’ mixed Open Access journals – should do the following two things:

1. **Inform the publisher: Researchers funded by cOAlition S Organisations must inform the publisher of their journal of choice that the AAM (or the VoR) resulting from their submission carries a CC BY public copyright licence. This can best be achieved by using (a variant of) the following language in either the submission letter or the acknowledgements section, or both:**

“This research was funded, in whole or in part, by [Organisation Name, Grant #]. A CC BY or equivalent licence is applied to [the AAM / the VoR] arising from this submission, in accordance with the grant’s open access conditions”.

2. **Deposit your AAM in a repository: On publication, all funded researchers will immediately make a copy of the Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) – or, if possible, the Version of Record (VoR) – available** in any Open Access repository of their choice. Many universities and funders already offer such repository services.

In case of any disagreement with a publisher, researchers should contact their cOAlition S Organisation.



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How will the Rights Retention Strategy benefit cOAlition S funded researchers?

Researchers can:

- **Publish in their journal of choice**, including subscription journals, and continue to meet their cOAlition S Organisation's Open Access requirements.
- **Retain their right to use their Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) as they please**, including sharing within academic networks, and with whomever they choose under CC BY conditions.
- **Deposit the AAM in a repository** allowing cOAlition S funded publications to reach a much wider audience more quickly.



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Example where the Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM) is shared CC BY



Funder agreement

- At least the AAMs of all peer reviewed publications are published with a CC BY licence and no embargo



Owned by the author

- Upon submission, the author informs the publisher that the AAM arising from this submission is licensed CC BY in accordance with the grant's open access conditions
- Acceptance following peer review
- Author Accepted Manuscript (AAM)
Upon publication, the author immediately deposits the AAM in an Open Access repository (zero embargo, CC BY licence)



Managed by the publisher

- Licence to Publish
- Version of Record (VoR)

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Making full and immediate Open Access a reality

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