

Scientific Research Publishing

2017 sample (5 journals)

In brief: *Scientific Research Publishing* is not currently listed in DOAJ, but is included in the APC study as a publisher previously included in DOAJ and the longitudinal APC study. The publisher currently has 247 titles. A sample of the 65 titles for which we have data from previous years shows stable pricing from 2016 - 2017. All journals are active, publishing 4 - 14 issues and 13 - over 100 articles in 2016. Conclusion: this publisher appears active and stable. Our sampling for 2017 is limited to these 5 journals.

Details

Journals and publishers included in the longitudinal APC study are selected from the *Directory of Open Access Journals* as the most comprehensive and authoritative list of fully open access journals. In 2016 DOAJ undertook a major weeding project and eliminated thousands of journals and a number of publishers that did not complete the new application process. *Scientific Research Publishing* is one of these publishers. We continue to monitor the publisher and journals to see whether inclusion / exclusion from DOAJ has any impact on APC prices or journal / publishing ongoing activity.

On March 16, 2017 I selected a random sample of 5 the 65 journals published by *Scientific Research Publishing* using Research Randomizer and captured data on APC and publication activity in 2016. All 5 journals had APCs in March 2017 identical to APCs as of April 2016. All 5 are actively publishing. The number of issues published ranged from 4 to 14. The number of articles published per journals ranged from 13 to over 100. The number of journals listed on the website of *Scientific Research Publishing* as of March 16, 2017 is 247 titles. Long-term trends illustrate significant price increases from 2010 - 2014 (3 titles) but stable or decreasing prices from 2015 - 2016.

The following table provides detailed data for the 5 journals sampled.

Journal titles	2017 APC	2016 APC	2015 APC	2014 APC	2010 APC	# issues published in 2016	# articles published in 2016
Advances in Bioscience and Biotechnology	1,199	1,199	1,199		400	12	49
Food and Nutrition Sciences	1,199	1,199	1,199	999	300	14	> 100
Neuroscience & Medicine	599	599	999		300	4	16

Open Journal of Composite Materials	599	599	800	700	4	13
World Journal of Condensed Matter Physics	599	599	800	700	4	27

Detailed method notes

Selected titles from OA APC Main 2016 published by Scientific Research Publishing. 65 titles.

Screen scraped titles from publisher website for journal count. 247 titles.

Searched for publisher in DOAJ metadata file Jan. 1, 2017.

Publisher not present.

Default for publishers no longer included in DOAJ: note prices and pricing trends for journals previously sampled only.

Decided on random sample approach to determine if worth full sampling in 2017.

Research randomizer set of 5: 3, 16, 47, 49, 65

APCs sampled. No change from 2016. No further APC sampling in 2016.

Collected # of issues and # of articles published in 2016 as measure of journal activity. All journals active, published 4 - 14 issues, 13 - > 100 articles.

Research Randomizer:

<https://www.randomizer.org/>

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