What is an Open Access journal? How does it differ from a regular print journal?

Funded by author-paid fees rather than library-paid subscriptions, Open Access journals make their content freely accessible online worldwide.

Why is the Endocrine Society launching an Open Access journal?

We are adding an Open Access journal to our prestigious family of scholarly journals in order to increase the peer-reviewed publishing options at the Endocrine Society for members and non-members alike, especially for authors who seek to have their work published in an Open Access environment so as to have free access worldwide and be in compliance with funder and institutional requirements. The *Journal of the Endocrine Society*’s (JES) scope spans the entire Endocrine Society mission and and the journal accepts a broader range of article types and scientific content than do our other journals.

What is the editorial scope of the *Journal of the Endocrine Society*?

The new *Journal of the Endocrine Society* aims to publish top-quality research in all areas of basic, translational, and clinical endocrinology. *JES* will provide rapid peer-review and continuous online publication of accepted edited articles for citation, indexing, and discoverability. Scope will include original research as well as case reports, mini-reviews, perspectives, tools and methods, datasets, images, and other innovative and scientifically rigorous contributions that advance the field.

FROM THE EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

“As the inaugural Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of the Endocrine Society*, I am excited by the prospect that discoveries in endocrinology will be available as rapidly as possible following peer-review and editorial assessment. The Open Access format will provide ready access to high quality information for all physicians, scientists, students, and the public. We know that you will find its format and content interesting.”

J. Larry Jameson, MD, PhD
Executive Vice President, University of Pennsylvania for the Health System
Dean, Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine

“ar the newest Endocrine Society journal is also its most novel: global in its reach, all-encompassing in its subject matter, and inviting with an Open Access format. This new Open Journal with unprecedented flexibility in format (because it’s paper-free) will be an exciting adventure to be part of. And a strong editorial board guarantees its quality, influence, and success.”

Henry (Hank) Kronenberg, MD
President, Endocrine Society
Chief, Endocrinology Unit and Physician, Department of Medicine, Massachusetts General Hospital
How is the submission process for JES different from the submission process for other Endocrine Society journals?

There is no difference in the submission process. Authors submit their materials online for peer-review consideration by the journal’s editorial leadership as they currently do for our other journals. Furthermore, to improve author service and speed time to publication, authors will be able to select one or more of the Society’s journals that they wish to consider their work. Submissions declined by one of our journals’ editors can, with the author’s permission, be internally transferred for consideration by the editors of one of our other journals, including JES, along with any reviews obtained to that point.

Will my articles go through a peer-review process? What is the peer-review process for an Open Access journal article?

The peer-review process for the Journal of the Endocrine Society is as fair and rigorous as that for any of the Society’s scientific journals. To speed time to decision, submissions are managed directly by Associate Editors, each of whom are subject-matter specialists under the oversight of the Editor-in-Chief, for peer review and final decision regarding acceptance.

How soon does an article get published in an Open Access journal from the time it is submitted to the publisher?

Articles go online as early-release PDFs within three days after peer-review acceptance. Final copyedited articles go online within 10 days after peer-review acceptance.

What are the fees incurred to publish in an Open Access journal?

Authors are responsible for paying an Article Processing Charge (APC) upon acceptance of their submission for publication. The amount of the APC will be announced later in 2016. Endocrine Society membership discounts will be available. For a time after the launch, APCs will be waived in order to encourage submissions.

Does my library need a subscription to JES?

No.

Is there a print version of JES?

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