Price and service information for an open research publishing platform

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Background

- We've been thinking about price transparency for a couple of years!

- We were a part of the workshop that helped develop the Plan S Price and Transparency Framework.

- Being part of that workshop helped to ensure the framework would work for an open research publishing platform.

- The Plan S Price and Transparency Framework works well for us as we can do it on a platform not publisher level.
Transparent publishing, transparent prices

Open is the best policy so...

- As of September, we’ve published our full APC breakdown on the F1000Research website.

- We have worked with our publishing partners such as Wellcome, Gates, AAS to publish our funder platform breakdowns and publish them on their respective websites.

- We intend to do full transparency for APC’s on all new publishing platforms we launch.
F1R Price breakdown

Pricing structure is based on Article types:

https://f1000research.com/for-authors/article-processing-charges
APC price breakdown

Community development

10%

- Editorial community outreach
- Development of editorial guidelines and policies
- Management and development of gateways
- Industry Support and Memberships
APC price breakdown

Submission to prepublication checks

5%

- Checking for eligibility
- Triaging before prepublication checks
- Initial editorial enquiries
APC price breakdown

Prepublication checks to publication

30%

- Editorial management
- Prepublication checks
- Production
- Data and Software support
APC price breakdown

Peer review management

20%

- Peer review management
- Peer review verification
- Peer review administration and support
- Peer review publication
APC price breakdown

Services after publication

4%

- Article level metrics
- Article indexing
- Content preservation
- Reader services – etocs, tracking, rss feeds
APC price breakdown

Platform development

15%

- Open Research Publishing Technology
- Editorial and peer review management system
- Publishing innovations
- Quality Control
APC price breakdown

Marketing and business development

14%

- Marketing and Communications
- Sponsorship, Events and Conferences
- Article and company promotion
- Open access publishing agreements
APC price breakdown

Author and Customer Support

2%

- Editorial helpdesk
- Updated information/FAQ pages
- Comment management
Implementation challenges and wins

Challenges

- It requires time, effort and input from all parts of the business
- Some work might be needed to meet necessary data requirements:
  - Section 1 - basic title information (not so difficult)
  - Section 2 - contextual information (a little trickier)
  - Section 3 - Price and service information (trickiest)

Wins

- Good to get a holistic view of the whole business
- Helped look at our service, contributed to our new pricing structure
- Building trust and allaying uncertainties with the community
Thank you for listening 😊