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POSTING EMBARGO

Like most journals, JEAMS employs an embargo system that restricts access to unpaid readers. JEAMS isn't an open access e-journal that charges subscription fees and article processing charges (APCs), but rather a subscription print journal that has a 1 year embargo. We encourage our authors who want to share their papers, thus we plan for these articles to be made freely available to the general public after 1 year.

After this 1 year posting embargo period (which begins with the publication date of the issue in which the article appears), authors can share their accepted manuscripts (the post-peer-review versions that do not incorporate copy editing and proofing) via non-commercial hosting platforms, such as their institutional repository.

To bring into compliance with a specific funder's open access and self-archiving policies, our embargo duration can be modified for a specific author for any particular article. Authors are responsible for checking with their co-authors if a shorter embargo duration is required by one of their funders.

OPTIONAL \$5,000 REVIEW FEE

It is possible to eliminate entirely the print embargo in order to make a particular article immediately available for free to unpaid readers.

In this scenario, the author / lab / institution would pay the optional \$5,000 review fee. This simple transparent pricing is based upon the range of fees charged by many other journals, esp. open access e-journals. This \$5,000 would be a flat fee that includes color figures, Supplemental Information (SI), etc.. JEAMS would then complete the peer review, and an approved manuscript would complete the statistical review, copy editing, and publication process.

This optional fee is paid when authors and readers pay nothing while the small publisher pays upfront for all publication costs with zero opportunities to generate revenues on the backend, since that isn't a sustainable or equitable business model. Just because some funder pays an investigator to conduct research, that doesn't mean everybody else in the world must work for free to create a literary asset for unpaid readers. Which commercial printer will print those issues for free? Which U.S. post office will mail those issues for free? Even for e-journals, who will pay the database programmer, web developer, magazine layout design specialist, graphic artist, medical illustrator, statistician, copy editor, etc.? Where will that money come from? Why does the small publisher become responsible to pay that upfront, then risk failing to recover the costs from donors and advertisers?

PRESS EMBARGO

Because we hope to generate substantial media coverage for relevant articles, we have a press embargo until those articles are published. Accepted papers must remain privileged documents and must not be released to the press or the public before publication. Thus, authors of press embargoed articles must refrain from posting their accepted manuscripts on a personal homepage or blog prior to publication, and must wait for the duration of the posting embargo period.

Members of the news media will be provided access to a relevant author's article and contact information one week prior to publication. JEAMS would distribute a press release to a pre-registered list of news media that summarizes the content of the next issue's publication. The content of the press release and papers would be press embargoed until the time and date stated on that press release.

The news media will have agreed to respect our press embargo schedule in exchange for this time to prepare their stories. Journalists would be encouraged to read the full version of any papers they wish to cover, and would be given the names and contact information of corresponding authors. Journalists would receive access to the full text of papers about one week before publication on our password-protected website.

JEAMS will refuse to publish papers prematurely released to the media. Journalists who break our press embargoes will be removed from the press release circulation list, and JEAMS will continue to use this sanction when appropriate.