

Funders must understand the benefit of open access and open data sharing without killing publishers

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Martin Enserink wrote an article entitled “European funders seek to end reign of paywalled journals” (1). Open access to publications allows us to accelerate advancing science and technology. Not only open access, but also open data sharing will play a key role in advancing science and technology (2). The open data sharing is able to alleviate the reproducibility problem. European funders must understand the benefit of open access and open data sharing. However, the problem without publication access charges still remains where publishers should be able to survive for continuous publications. If publishers would like to obtain the similar revenue, an author publication charge may increase. Instead of extra publication access charges, publishers must find new income sources. Or, funders need to devise a solution without the author’s extra publication cost while the publishers can survive without financial problems. We have to understand that funders, authors, researchers, and publishers have their own roles respectively. The solution should make all the participants happy or happier.

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