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Article Processing Charges

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- The following articles are free to publish (no APC is payable):
 - Editorials
 - Retractions and expressions of editorial concern
- Others, each journal will decide whether to charge fees according to the actual situation.
- Additionally, we will also consider individual full or partial waiver requests on a case-by-case basis in situations where there is a lack of funds.

How to Request an Article Processing Charge Discount or Waiver?

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 - Title of your paper;
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When Is the Article Processing Charge Payable?

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How do I Pay?

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- Payment can be made by the following method:

- Payment by PayPal

Please transfer to WCP PayPal account and provide the Manuscript ID (Manuscript_ID) when transferring the payment. Note that the fee for using PayPal is 5% of the invoiced amount. For example, you need to send 1575 USD (1500 USD + 5%) so that WCP can receive 1500 USD.

1. Publishing Platform Operations & Development

WCP develops and maintains its own Submission Management System.

2. Journal Publication

- Acquisitions Editors: Acquisitions editors play a crucial role in establishing connections and fostering communication with authors. They aid in cultivating a wide-reaching academic network and attracting high-quality submissions, ensuring their academic value and originality.
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- WCP provides stipends to all Editors-in-Chief and some Guest Editors as a token of appreciation for their contributions to journals.
- Office and administrative expenses, including staff salaries, are also covered.

5. Discounts & Waivers

WCP annually waives 20% to 30% of APCs for scholars. (An APC is clearly listed on the journal websites to transparently inform authors about the publication cost associated with their submissions). Our mission is to empower scholars from diverse backgrounds to share their research with the global community, advancing knowledge and innovation without barriers.

6. Academic Events

WCP covers expenses related to the organization and sponsorship of academic conferences, supports activities of academic associations, and provides various incentives to assist researchers.

Refund Policy

We do not offer refunds for open access once articles have been published.