

Feedbacks on specific questions:

(1) Are there steps that agencies could take to grow existing and new markets related to the access and analysis of peer-reviewed publications that result from federally funded scientific research?

Yes, please continue to maintain request of open access for all publications generated from federal funded research. Open communication and open access to research findings contribute to the intellectual growth of the scientific community but also the general population.

(6) How can Federal agencies that fund science maximize the benefit of public access policies to U.S. taxpayers, and their investment in the peer-reviewed literature, while minimizing burden and costs for stakeholders, including awardee institutions, scientists, publishers, Federal agencies, and libraries?

Federal agencies should provide fundings for open access families of journals, such as BMC, Frontiers, PLOS. These open access journals will be the only journals able to survive the evolution/revolution of technology and the new culture of open access to information over the internet. They are not limited to elitarian groups, and the only limitation that scientists have to publish in these journals is that publication costs are responsibilities of the authors.

I believe traditional publication methods will disapper and the attempt of limiting open access to scientific publications is a naive way of corporations to limit their current losses. But this is a lost battle already. More and more scientists choose to publish in open access journals, and benefit the community.

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