

## Background

In 2020 the Microbiology Society launched a transformative agreement badged as Publish and Read, offering unlimited OA publishing across the portfolio as well as unlimited read access.

## Key stats

### Participants

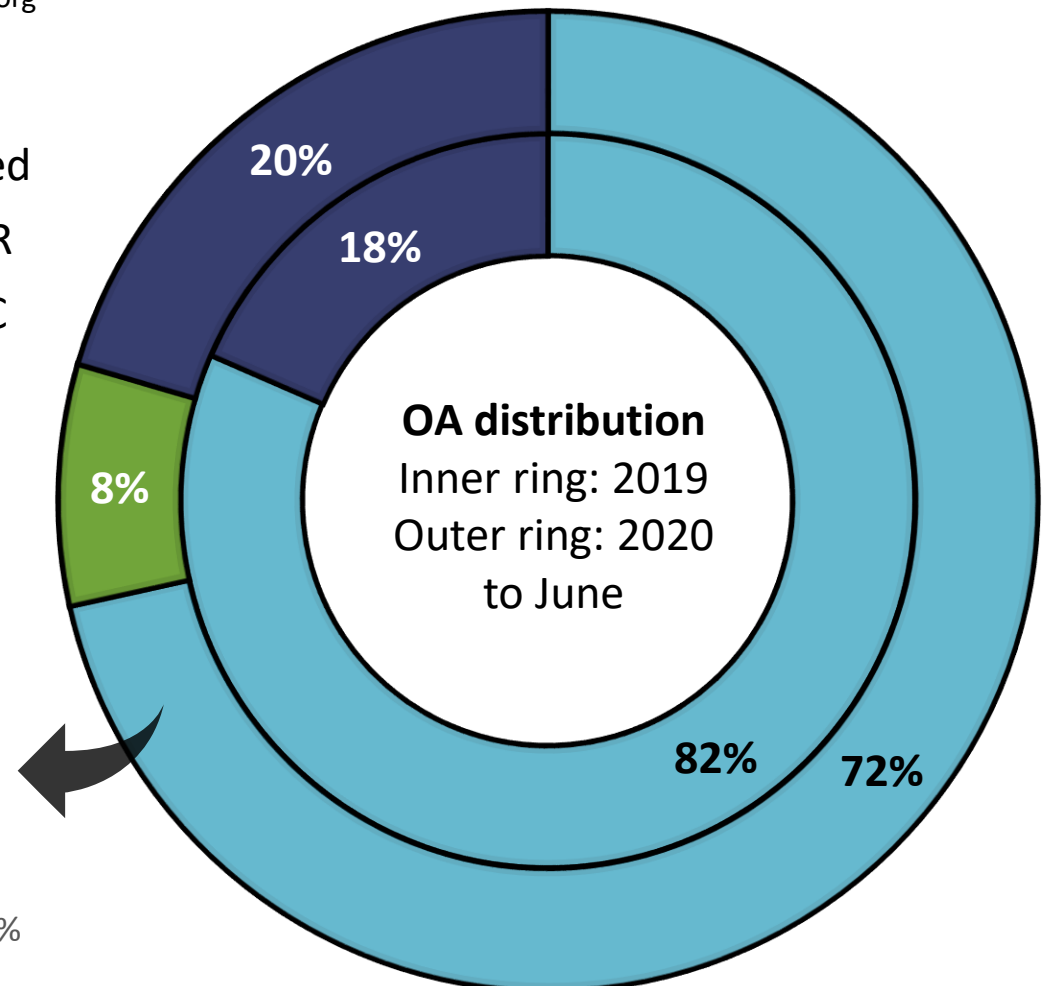
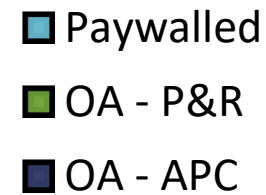
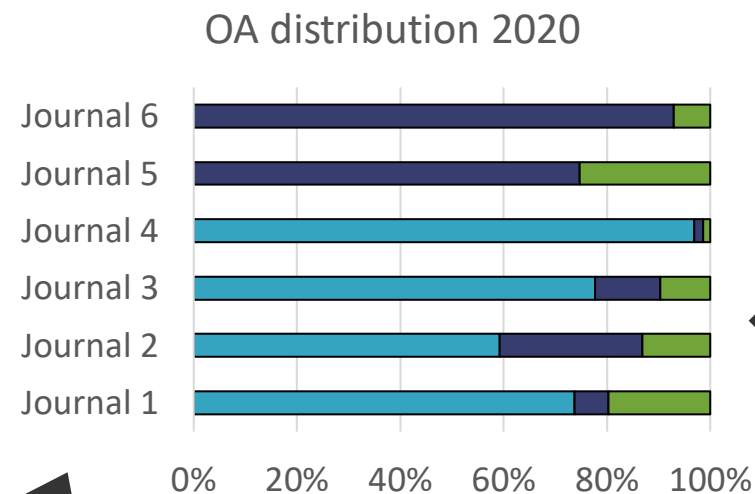
- Jisc: 34 UK institutions
- CAUL: 17 institutions in Australia & New Zealand
- 13 other institutions worldwide

### Articles published

- 23 in OA journals
- 37 in hybrid journals
- 47 new-to-us authors
- Uneven spread across portfolio

### Read access

- Usage doubled when we dropped our paywall in response to COVID-19
- Not tied to library channels so not reflected in COUNTER stats



### Open questions

- What follows P&R?
- How and when should we flip journals?
- How can we manage the uneven pace of OA uptake?
- How can we maintain a simple model suitable for an organisation of our size?
- What can we do through collective action?

### What we've learned

- Consortia are key change agents
- Single-institution sign ups appreciated
- Communication is key to managing expectations during the 2-year pilot
- Even simple models incur administration overheads (managing missing affiliation details, regular institutional reporting, etc.)