“As a researcher and author, I'm not sure whether a particular journal that I want to publish in can fulfill the requirements of my research institution and/or research funder, and whether central funding is available to pay for any OA publication charges that may be required.”

“As a research institution or funder, it is complex to assess if and how a certain OA publication meets the requirements, and to track publications, spend, and sponsorship.”

“As a publisher, it is hard to find out if an article publication satisfies an author’s OA requirements and to secure publication funds.”

“Administering our central OA fund is harder than we imagined, since every publisher has their own systems and invoicing processes.”

“There is no way we can possibly sign OA publishing deals with every single publisher.”

“We also want to support non-APC based initiatives.”

“It takes a lot of manual work to determine if a funder or institution is willing to cover an APC.”

“Not all publishers can maintain individual agreements with hundreds of institutions and funders.”

“For non-APC based initiatives, it would be helpful to find financial donors.”

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