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OPEN ACCESS POLICY

1. Introduction

This document outlines the policy of *Fundamina* regarding open access publishing. As a subscription-based journal, we recognise the importance of open access in the dissemination of research findings. In alignment with this, we have established guidelines for making select articles open access through an Article Processing Charge (APC) on a case-by-case basis.

2. Article selection for open access

- Authors whose articles have been accepted for publication in *Fundamina* may apply for their work to be published as open access.
- The decision to grant open access to an article will be made by the managing editor and editorial team and will be based on the significance and potential impact of the research, the number of applications for open access articles for the issue/volume, as well as whether the author has funding.

3. Article Processing Charge (APC)

- An Article Processing Charge (APC) will be applicable for authors who wish to make their articles open access.
- The APC will be determined based on the length and complexity of the article, as well as the cost of publication and maintenance.
- The APC will be communicated to the authors upon acceptance of their article for publication. Payment of the APC is required prior to the article being published as open access.

4. Open access licensing

- Authors who choose to publish their articles as open access must agree to the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution (CC BY-NC-ND), namely:

BY: credit must be given to the creator.
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ND: No derivatives or adaptations of the work are permitted.
- The selected licence will be applied to the article upon payment of the APC and completion of the open access publishing process.

5. Transparency and communication

- The journal will maintain transparency in its open access policies and communicate them clearly to authors, readers, and the academic community.
- Any changes or updates to the open access policy will be promptly communicated to the concerned stakeholders through the journal's website and other relevant communication channels.

6. Review and revision of the policy

- This open access policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its effectiveness and relevance.
- Any necessary revisions or updates to the policy will be made with the approval of the editorial board and communicated to all stakeholders in a timely manner.

For any inquiries or clarifications regarding this policy, please contact the editorial team at svhactor@sun.ac.za