



Journal of Food Protection transition to Open Access Frequently Asked Questions

The Journal of Food Protection will be moving to an open access (OA) publishing model with Elsevier beginning January of 2023!

We are excited about this change because:

- All articles published open access are immediately and permanently free for everyone to read, download, use and distribute.
- All research published in the journal are now immediately and fully available on Agricola, BIOSIS, FSTA, Chemical Abstracts, Dairy Science Abstracts–CABI, Google Scholar, Index Medicus, Pubmed/Medline, Scopus, Science Citation Index, and many more.
- Millions of researchers globally will be able to find and read your work for free.
- Open access (OA) publishing accelerates the pace of research and encourages sharing and collaboration across disciplines.
- It accommodates many global research funders' requirements.
- Our journal research will become more discoverable online.

Why did the Journal of Food Protection convert to Open Access?

Values

In short, conversion to open access publishing aligns with the core values of our scientific community. IAFP's mission is to provide food safety professionals worldwide with a forum to exchange information on protecting the food supply. Open access publishing accelerates the pace of research, encourages sharing and collaboration, and unites researchers across disciplines. We are excited to be transitioning to this publishing model and know that our members will benefit from a stronger scientific community fostered by free and immediate access to our high-quality research.

Strategic choice for growth

An increasing number of [research funders around the world](#) are requiring researchers to publish their work open access. The transition to Gold Open Access and Elsevier's position as one of the fastest-growing open access publishers aligns with our goals for growth.

Impact

Research published open access is inherently more discoverable – Publishing Gold Open Access means that millions of researchers globally will be able to find and read your work, completely free.

Starting in 2023, the *Journal of Food Protection* will have exposure on the world's biggest publishing platform, Elsevier's ScienceDirect—which has 18 million monthly unique visitors.

Why should I publish my research Open Access?

Open access gives the scientific community access to the most cutting-edge science. Free, immediate, unrestricted access to research increases visibility (and yes, impact!), as readers do not require a subscription to access your work. Open access speaks to the core values of science: providing an equitable system of knowledge-sharing to serve the community.

What does a journal switch to Gold Open Access mean for authors?

When your manuscript is published open access, anyone in the world will be able to read, share and cite your work immediately. Researchers across fields, students all over the world, and even funders and policymakers can benefit from open access research.

Authors' work will be published under a [Creative Commons license](#) (CC-BY) or a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs (CC-BY-NC-ND) license. It will be freely available for anyone to access and read on journal websites, ScienceDirect and shortly afterwards on PubMed Central.

Will the submission process change?

We will migrate our new manuscript submissions to the Editorial Manager platform in Fall 2022. The submission process will largely remain the same, except you will be able to use your institution affiliations.

When will the *Journal of Food Protection* articles become Open Access?

All articles published in the *Journal of Food Protection* after January 1, 2023 will be open access – published on Elsevier’s [ScienceDirect](#) online platform and free to read online anywhere in the world, immediately.

My funder/institution requires me to publish Open Access. How do I do this in the *Journal of Food Protection*?

As of January 2021, Elsevier has signed more [transformative agreements](#) that have large open access components than any other publisher. With over [55 institutional and funding body agreements](#) worldwide—Elsevier has the options to help you to comply, and the support to make it easy. If you are submitting a paper before January 1, 2023 and your funder or institution requires your paper to have a CC-BY, you should specify that requirement during submission.

How much does it cost to publish an Open Access article?

The Article Publishing Charge (APC) will be \$1,600 for IAFP members and \$2,000 for nonmembers. This amount allows us to publish open access to further accelerate discoveries and reduce barriers to scientific knowledge. The APC policy will take effect on October 1, 2022.

Will the journal offer waivers to authors who may not be able to pay the article publishing charge (APC)?

Many institutions have reached [agreements](#) to cover these charges, meaning the authors alone are not responsible for covering the APC.

All Gold Open Access journals published by Elsevier are included in the [Research4Life](#) open access eligibility program. The waiver or discount will depend on the location of the author’s institution. For researchers not in these Research4Life countries, no Elsevier waiver applies.

Further, we offer IAFP members a number of exclusive benefits and opportunities, including discount on the APC for the *Journal of Food Protection*. Become an [IAFP member](#) to receive the APC discount.

Why is IAFP changing its publishing partner?

Transitioning to Gold Open Access will involve a significant overhaul of our processes and procedures behind the scenes, in addition to some notable differences to how our authors and readers will submit and read papers. When considering our partner for an open access transition we knew a partner with

extensive experience in these migrations would be invaluable. After reviewing proposals from multiple publishing partners, IAFP chose to pursue a publishing agreement with Elsevier on the basis of its [open access experience](#) and technological capabilities. To date, Elsevier has transitioned more than 100 journals from a subscription model to Gold Open Access, many of which are society journals such as the *Journal of Food Protection*.

In this partnership, IAFP retains ownership and editorial control over the journals, and the mission of the journals remains to support discovery and technology in the sciences. Elsevier will provide the technical infrastructure and resources to add value to our author and reader experience that we know we will need as we manage this process.

Will IAFP maintain editorial control of its journal?

Yes. IAFP will retain full ownership of the journal and is committed to leading the pursuit of research excellence in the field of food microbiology and food safety. We are in good hands with Elsevier as we navigate the obstacles to making our content freely available to all. The editors of the *Journal of Food Protection* will continue to uphold our high standards of rigorous, fast, and fair peer review.

Will the journal name change?

No, the journal will continue to publish under its current title, *Journal of Food Protection*.

References:

Elsevier's Open Access Homepage: <https://www.elsevier.com/open-access>

Elsevier's Author Tools and Resources: <https://www.elsevier.com/authors>

Elsevier Open Access Funding Arrangements: <https://www.elsevier.com/open-access/funding-arrangements>

Elsevier Open Access Institutional Agreements: <https://www.elsevier.com/open-access/agreements>

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