

## **WHY OPENACCESS IS ESSENTIAL**

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### **THE PUBLIC HAS THE RIGHT TO KNOW.**

- Research is largely funded by the public (via tax/government or private donations).
- Research should benefit the general population, which is why we have an obligation to effectively communicate and provide access to science.

### **PAYWALLS AND PUBLICATION FEES DRIVE INEQUITY.**

- These costs limit equity at an individual and institutional level, where only the wealthy and large institutes can strike deals with journals for openaccess.
- Welfare should not limit access or distribution of science.

### **FOR BETTER RESEARCH/EDUCATION.**

- Openaccess would promote scientific innovation and advances, which in turn would benefit future research/education, and in extension, the progress of the society and healthcare.

### **INCREASE SCIENTIFIC REACH.**

- Openaccess would increase the impact of individual researchers and their findings.
- To increase citations, which would benefit both journals and funding agencies.