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Benefits of publishing OA with us



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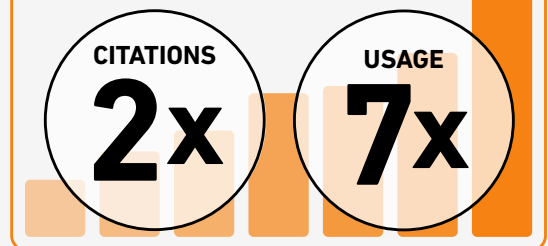
Greater visibility: increased usage of OA articles.

Increased impact: increased citations of OA articles.

Giving back: supporting the Microbiology Society as a not-for-profit publisher.

OA articles in our titles see significantly more usage and citations – two key indicators of reach and impact – based on averages across all journals (Web of Science data).

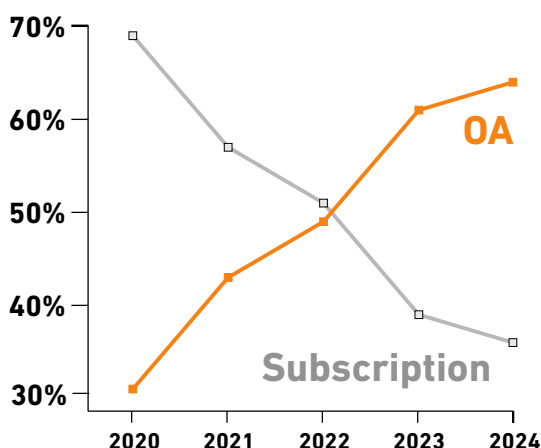
OA vs paywalled articles:



Sustainably driving OA growth

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OA vs subscription articles



Growth of OA institutional agreements



**450+ P&R institutions
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