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How publishers can connect to the OA Switchboard to compose and send messages:

1. **Manual**
   - Manually entering data via the user interface

2. **API**
   - Integration with the application programming interface (API) in the standard message structure

3. **Custom connector**
   - Generic reverse connector(s) with third party systems and/or spreadsheets, to integrate with the API

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This message is sent from a Publisher to a Funder and/or Institution.

**“It’s not rocket science!”**

**GRANT ASSIGNED**
- Research, analysis, and writing

**MANUSCRIPT SUBMISSION**
- Peer review

**‘ACCEPT’ DECISION**
- Production

**ARTICLE PUBLICATION**
- Information (planned)
- Compliance/Waiver Check (planned)
- Eligibility Enquiry
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- Publication/Payment Settlement Notification

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