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Article I. Scope

Section I.01 The policy is effective for all grants awarded from June 1, 2021 and will apply to all Funded Research consisting of manuscript submissions and data depositions.

Article II. Policy

Section II.01 Funded Research subject to the Open Access Policy should contain the following elements:

- (a) Publication Will Be On “Open Access” Terms. All Funded Research including articles accepted for publication shall be published under the Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 Generic License (CC BY 4.0) or an equivalent license. This will permit all users to copy, redistribute, transform, and build on the material in any medium or format for any purpose (including commercial) without further permission or fees being required.
- (b)
- (c) RGHI Grantees Will Retain Copyright. Grantees shall retain sufficient copyright in Funded Research to ensure that articles accepted for publication are deposited into an open-access repository and published under the CC BY 4.0 or equivalent license.
- (d)
- (e) Publications and Underlying Data Will Be Accessible and Open Immediately. All Funded Research including articles accepted for publication shall be available immediately at publication, without any embargo period. Each accepted article must be accompanied by a Data Availability Statement that describes where any primary data, associated metadata, original software, and any additional relevant materials necessary to understand, assess, and replicate the reported study fundings in totality can be found.
- (f)
- (g) RGHI shall require that underlying data supporting the accepted article shall be immediately accessible and open upon article publication. Grantees are encouraged to adhere to the FAIR principles to improve the findability, accessibility, interoperability, and reuse of digital assets.
- (h)

Section II.02 RGHI Will Pay Necessary Fees.

- (a) RGHI shall pay reasonable fees required by a publisher or repository to effect immediate, open access to the accepted article unless publication costs have already been included in project budgets. This includes article processing charges and other publisher fees. For special issues and supplements, only the article processing charges are covered by RGHI. RGHI shall only pay these fees for articles published in Gold Open Access journals. Articles must be fully open access either through Gold Open Access or through a Hybrid Open Access, but RGHI reserves the right to modify these plans in the future, Grantees can refer to the [Directory of Open Access Journals](#) (DOAJ) for a comprehensive list.
- (b)

Article III. Publications Will Be Available in a Repository.



Section III.01 Accepted articles shall be deposited immediately upon publication in [PubMed Central \(PMC\)](#), or in another openly accessible repository, with proper metadata tagging identifying RGHI funding. In addition to PMC, grantees are encouraged to deposit their accepted article in a subject specific or institutional repository of their choice.

For accepted articles in journals not listed in the DOAJ, the grantee is required to deposit the accepted manuscript in PubMed Central with a CC BY 4.0 license so that it is available concurrent with the first version published by the journal.

Article IV. Preprints Of Submitted Manuscripts Are Encouraged.

Section IV.01 While not needed to fulfill the Open Access policy requirements, Grantees are encouraged to deposit Funded Research consisting of their submitted manuscript, and its subsequent versions, on a preprint server under a CC BY 4.0 license.

Article V. Compliance Is A Requirement of Funding.

Section V.01 This Open Access policy applies to all Funded Research, whether the funding is in whole or in part. Compliance will be continuously reviewed, and authors will be contacted when they are non-compliant.

Section V.02 Grantees must include the following acknowledgment in manuscripts submitted for publication as well as all materials arising wholly or in part from this research must include the following in the appropriate language: “This work was funded (wholly or in part) by the Reckitt Global Hygiene Institute (RGHI) [grant number]. The views expressed are those of the authors and not necessarily those of RGHI.” Modifications to the standard language will be considered with prior authorization.

Article VI. Publication

Section VI.01 Consistent with Your Global Access commitments, if the Project description specifies Publication or Publication is otherwise requested by RGHI, You will seek prompt Publication of any Funded Developments consisting of data and results. Publication may be delayed, by giving a written notice to You (a “Confidentiality Notice”), for up to 90 additional days after receipt of the Confidentiality Notice for the sole purpose of seeking patent protection, provided the patent application is drafted, filed, and managed in a manner that best furthers Global Access. The Confidentiality Notice must be issued within thirty (30) days after RGHI receives details of the proposed publication. If a Confidentiality Notice is not received within that period, Grantee may proceed with the proposed publication. For publication in a peer-reviewed journal, such Publication must be under “open access” terms and conditions consistent with RGHI’s Open Access Policy available from rghi_publications@RGHI.org on request and may be modified from time to time.

Section VI.02 Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring Publication in contravention of any applicable ethical, legal, or regulatory requirements. You will mark any Funded Development subject to this clause with the appropriate notice or attribution, including author, date and copyright (e.g., © 20<> <Name>).



Section VI.03 You are required to notify RGHI of any publications arising wholly or in part from this work and send a copy of all materials to RGHI within 30 days of publication.

Section VI.04 You are required to notify RGHI of submission of any research outputs arising wholly or in part from this work, including conference abstracts or academic publications, within 30 days of submission. Upon reasonable request, You will provide RGHI with copies of submitted materials for internal review only.

Section VI.05 RGHI will pay publication fees for publication in any peer review journals through a process external to the grant agreement. RGHI will also pay necessary open access fees to ensure peer review publications adhere to RGHI’s open access commitments. Anticipated publications from this work should be specified in grant milestone agreements. Publication and open access fees for manuscripts in addition to those outlined in the grant milestone table will be considered on a case-by-case basis. All other forms of public dissemination specified in the project agreement are the responsibility of the grantee.

Article VII. Policy Documentation

The Executive Director is responsible for ensuring implementation of these policies.

The Board of Directors of RGHI adopts the following policies in order to strengthen its existing policies and procedures, maintain and exemplify “best practices,” and comply with applicable laws and regulations on August 1, 2021.

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