

Opening Up OPEN ACCESS

12 key terms & definitions

Open access (OA) is a simple concept that can appear more complicated than it really is. To help with this the OA team has prepared some handy definitions of the key terms and concepts.

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Author's Accepted Manuscript

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**APC
BPC
CPC**

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SELF

Self Archiving

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RR

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