

# Open Access Policy

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## FONDAZIONE TELETHON POLICY ON OPEN ACCESS

Fondazione Telethon promotes free access to funded research results, in line with the goals of its mission and as a contribution to the community. Thus, Fondazione Telethon **requires that all the research results published in a peer-reviewed journal, wholly or partly supported by Telethon funding, are made publicly available as soon as possible.**

Fondazione Telethon has chosen [Europe PubMed Central](#) (Europe PMC) as **the archive of scientific publications funded through Telethon grants.**

Based on the different choices offered by every journal, Fondazione Telethon has identified the following topics:

### 1. Publication on a Journal authorizing the free submission to PubMed Central and Europe PMC within six months from the official publication date (the embargo period should be less than or equal to 6 months):

Fondazione Telethon requires that the Authors prepare a PMC electronic deposit of the article (final version of the accepted manuscript, completed revision) as soon as possible or at least within six months from the official publication date.

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### 2 Publication on a journal that DOES NOT allow free deposit within PMC within six months from the date of publication.

**2.1** If the journal offers the **paid Open Access option**, Fondazione Telethon recommends that Authors choose this option, resulting in the Publisher's immediate deposit in Europe PMC, for articles that:

- are accepted for publication in an English-language journal and subject to peer-review
- present original research articles funded through Telethon's grant
- have the first- or last- or corresponding-author as the researcher in charge of the Telethon's grant (or who is a member of its team involved in the project).

- **Authors can choose to use part of their active grant** to cover OA expenses (by placing an online order in the Telethon PI's own account in "[Ad Hoc Infinity](#)").

- Fondazione Telethon asks researchers to share these costs when possible, with **the other funding agencies** mentioned in the publication.
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**2.2** If the Author CANNOT support the payment of OA fee, however, at the submission stage of the article it is still necessary to choose the option that involves the shorter embargo period. In this regard, it is recommended to consider alternative journals during the submission of the manuscript.

Fondazione Telethon believes that funded researchers are responsible for compliance with the policy: it is up to them to ensure that any publication and intellectual property agreement is compatible with the publication requirements in Europe PMC.

More operational details are available in the [Guidelines for Authors](#).