

To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Society for Research on Biological Rhythms (SRBR), a society of 1000+ researchers working on biological timing, we write in response to the NIH Request for Information (RFI) on limiting publication costs.

We support **Option 2**: Set a limit on allowable costs per publication. NIH could limit allowable costs to \$2,000.00 per publication, including article processing charges (APCs) and related fees.

This option provides several important benefits:

- Protects smaller awards and early-career investigators from being disproportionately affected by rising publication costs.
- Straightforward to implement and enforce across institutions.
- Places a reasonable cap on APCs, ensuring sustainability while allowing publishers to continue operations.

SRBR is concerned that excessive publication costs are prohibitive for many researchers and depleting the NIH budget. These resources could fund discovery and innovation. While publishers play an important role in disseminating research, their profits now exceed those of Apple and Google. We believe federal policy must ensure that taxpayer dollars are used efficiently to advance science and public health, not to subsidize legacy publishing models.

For these reasons, **we strongly recommend Option 2** as the most effective and equitable approach for limiting publication costs.

Sincerely,

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