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The Licensor reserves the right to temporarily suspend any Member's access to Licensed Materials for infringement of the Licensor's intellectual property rights in the Licensed Materials or for a breach of the terms of this License Agreement that threatens either the performance or security of the Platform. Forthwith, after suspending such access the Licensor shall issue a notice to the Member and the Licensee of the breach, specifying the activity of the Member that caused the breach. The Licensor shall forthwith restore access to the Member upon receipt of notice that such activity has ceased and that the Member has made reasonable efforts to protect against recurrence of such activity.

8.2 LOCAL LOADING AND LOCAL/ALTERNATE HOSTING

Licensor agrees to negotiate in good faith a separate agreement with a Member or a duly authorized representative (e.g. a consortium acting on behalf of the Member) at any point in the term of this License Agreement, for perpetual local loading and alternate hosting of the Licensed Materials on the Member's server or a third-party server, as designated by the Member. For avoidance of doubt Members shall not be able to load the Databases locally.

9. FEE

9.1 FEE SCHEDULE

The Licensee shall, in consideration for the rights granted under this Agreement, pay the Fee in accordance with the payment schedule outlined in Schedule 2. For the avoidance of doubt, the Fee shall be exclusive of any sales, use, value added or similar taxes and the Licensee shall be liable for any such taxes in addition to the Fee.

9.2 FEE ADJUSTMENTS

Fee may be amended from time to time by agreement between the Licensor and Licensee. Adjustments to the Fee may also occur as a result of clauses elsewhere in the License Agreement and shall be made at the time of annual invoicing within a term, or at renewal or termination.

9.3 INVOICES

Invoices shall be sent to the Licensee no later than sixty (60) days before the payment schedule due dates as outlined in Schedule 2. In the event that the invoice is received by the Licensee less than sixty (60) days before the due dates as set out in the payment schedule outlined in Schedule 2, payment to Licensor will be due sixty (60) days after receipt of the invoice.

10. TERM, RENEWAL, AND TERMINATION

10.1 AGREEMENT TERM

This License Agreement shall commence and shall terminate automatically on the dates as set out in Schedule 1 unless terminated earlier in accordance with Section 10.2 [Early Termination].

10.2 EARLY TERMINATION

10.2.1 EARLY TERMINATION FOR PAYMENT DEFAULT

The Licensor may terminate this Agreement by notice to the Licensee if the Licensee willfully defaults in making payment of the Fee as provided in this License Agreement and fails to remedy such default within sixty (60) days of notification in writing by the Licensor.

10.2.2 EARLY TERMINATION FOR BREACH

Either Licensor or Licensee may terminate this Agreement by notice to the other party if such other party commits a material or persistent breach of any term of this License Agreement and fails to remedy the breach within sixty (60) days of notice by the non-breaching party.

If a Member commits a material or persistent breach of the terms of this License Agreement and the Member fails to remedy the breach within sixty (60) days' notice from the Licensor to the Member and the Licensee, or the Member fails to commence and diligently pursue steps to remedy the breach within sixty (60) days' notice from the Licensor to the Member and the Licensee, the Licensor may terminate the license and rights granted to the Member pursuant to this License Agreement by giving notice of termination to the Member and the Licensee. Upon the expiry of the notice period, the Licensor may discontinue providing the Member access to the Licensed Materials for the remainder of the term of the License Agreement.

10.2.3 EARLY TERMINATION FOR LICENSOR INSOLVENCY

The Licensee may terminate this Agreement by notice to the Licensor if the Licensor becomes insolvent, admits insolvency or a general inability to pay its debts as they become due, has appointed a receiver or administrative receiver over it or over any part of its undertaking or assets, passes a resolution for winding up other than a bona fide plan of solvent amalgamation or reconstruction, files a petition for protection under any applicable bankruptcy code, or has filed against it or becomes subject to an insolvent petition in bankruptcy or an order to that effect.

10.2.4 EARLY TERMINATION FOR FINANCIAL EXIGENCY

The Licensee may terminate this License Agreement if public funding of the Licensee or funding of the Licensee by the Members is materially reduced, and the Licensee thereby becomes unable to pay future amounts payable pursuant to this License Agreement. The Licensee will give the Licensor notice of such termination and this License Agreement shall terminate effective sixty (60) days after the giving of such notice if the Licensee has failed to pay the Fee for the calendar year in which such notice was given, or if the Licensee has paid the Fee for the calendar year in which such notice was given, January 1 of the following year.

10.2.5 EARLY TERMINATION REFUND

Upon termination of this License Agreement by Licensee under Section 10.2.2 [Early Termination for Breach] or Section 10.2.3 [Early Termination for Licensor Insolvency], the Licensor shall forthwith refund the proportion of the Fee that represents the paid but unexpired part of the term of this License Agreement.

10.2.6 EARLY TERMINATION BY A MEMBER

The performance of a Member of their obligations under the License Agreement shall be subject to and contingent upon the availability of funds provided, allocated, or allotted in institutional budgets for the purpose of the License Agreement for the current and future license term. Any Member may, at its option, provide notice to the Licensor and Licensee, by 31st October of each applicable calendar year within the License Agreement, of the non-availability of such funds and the intent to terminate their participation in the License Agreement beginning on January 1st of the forthcoming year.

If a Member executes this option, no refund of payments already received by the Licensor will be owed to the Member. The determination of whether funds are available shall be made in the sole discretion of the applicable Member. The termination of participation by any Member will not constitute a default or a termination of participation of any other Members under the License Agreement and shall not be grounds for any increase in fees payable by other Members. Upon termination, a Member has the ability to execute their rights under clause 10.5.3 [Continued Access to Licensed Materials].

10.3 RENEWAL OF TERM

This License Agreement shall be renewable at the end of the current term if agreed in writing by both parties prior to the termination of this License Agreement.

10.4 EXTENSION OF TERM

This License Agreement may be extended for a limited period of time at the end of the current term if agreed in writing by both parties prior to the termination of this License Agreement, or due to cause as outlined in section 6.8 [Service Interruption].

10.5 TERMINATION

10.5.1 NOTIFICATION OF TERMINATION

Upon termination of this License Agreement, the Licensee shall immediately notify the Members.

10.5.2 TERMINATION RIGHTS

Upon termination, all rights and obligations of the parties automatically terminate except for rights and obligations in respect of Licensed Materials for which Perpetual Access is granted in clause 2.2 [Perpetual Access Rights], for rights and obligations in respect of a refund under clause 10.2.5 [Early Termination Refund], if applicable, and for rights and obligations under such other provisions that, by their nature or their terms, survive termination.

10.5.3 CONTINUED ACCESS TO LICENSED MATERIALS

Upon termination of this License Agreement, Licensor will provide continued access to the PDF versions of the Licensed Materials for which Perpetual Access was granted in this License Agreement. The means by which Authorized Users shall have access to such Licensed Materials shall be in a manner and form substantially equivalent to the means by which access is provided during the term of this License Agreement, with provisions for ensuring forward compatibility with new technologies.

Licensor shall:

- a.) provide continuing online access to archival copies of the Licensed Materials on the Licensor's Platform without supplementary fees to the Licensee or Members;

- b.) provide to the Licensee, Member, or third-party archiving service, upon request and within ninety (90) days, one copy of the entire set of Licensed Materials and associated metadata to be maintained as an archival copy for the purpose of delivering continuing online access to Authorized Users.

The cost of electronic delivery of Licensed Materials and associated metadata to the Licensee or Member or a third-party archiving service shall be agreed between the parties.

The archival copy from the Licensor shall be provided without Digital Rights Management Technology in a mutually agreeable medium suitable to the content, but may not contain all the links and other features and functionality associated with the Licensed Materials pursuant to this License Agreement.

11. GENERAL

11.1 ENTIRE LICENSE AGREEMENT

The following documents shall comprise the entire License Agreement between both parties concerning the subject matter of this License Agreement, and, in the event of any dispute concerning construction thereof, shall have the following order of precedence:

- a.) This License Agreement and all schedules and other documents attached and incorporated by reference.

11.2 ALTERATIONS

Alterations to this License Agreement and to the schedules to this License Agreement are only valid if they are recorded in writing and signed by both parties.

11.3 ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER

This License Agreement may not be assigned or transferred by either party to any other person or organization without the prior written consent of the other party, nor may either party sub-contract any of its obligations, except as provided in this License Agreement in respect of the management and operation of the Platform, without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld.

11.4 EXECUTION

This License Agreement and any amendment thereto may be executed in counterparts, and signatures exchanged by mail or electronic means are effective to the same extent as original signatures.

11.5 FORCE MAJEURE

Neither party shall be deemed to be in breach of this License Agreement by reason of any delay in performing, or any failure to perform, any of its respective obligations in relation to this agreement, if the delay or failure was due to any cause beyond its reasonable control including, but not limited to, acts of God, explosions, epidemic or pandemic, nuclear contamination, floods, fire or accident, war or threat of war, sabotage, civil disturbance, prohibitions or measures of any kind on the part of any governmental, parliamentary or local authority, import or export regulations or embargoes or industrial actions or trade disputes (whether involving employees of either party or of a third party), power, telecommunications or Internet failures or damages to or destruction of any network facilities ("Force Majeure").

If either party to this Agreement is prevented or delayed in the performance of any of its obligations under this License Agreement by Force Majeure and if such party gives written notice thereof to the other party specifying the matters constituting Force Majeure together with such evidence as it reasonably can give and specifying the period for which it is estimated that such prevention or delay will continue, then the party in question shall be excused the performance or the punctual performance as the case may be as from the date of such notice for so long as such cause of prevention or delay shall continue.

11.6 SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or un-enforceability of any provision of this License Agreement shall not affect the continuation or enforceability of the remainder of this License Agreement.

11.7 WAIVER OF CONTRACTUAL RIGHT

Either party's waiver, or failure to require performance by the other, of any provision of this License Agreement will not affect its full right to require such performance at any subsequent time, or be taken or held to be a waiver of the provision itself.

11.8 NOTICES

Any notices to be served on either of the parties or on a Member by the other shall be sent by registered mail, electronic mail, or courier to the address of the addressee as set out in this License Agreement or to such other address as notified by either party to the other as its address for service of notices. Any such notice sent by registered mail shall be deemed to have been given 14 days after the date of posting the mail. Any such notice sent by courier or electronic mail shall be deemed to have been given on the date of receipt.

11.9 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

If the parties disagree over an interpretation of this License Agreement or whether a party or a Member is in breach of any part of this License Agreement, the parties and any such Member shall, in good faith, enter into negotiations to resolve the disagreement and discuss the feasibility of resolving the disagreement by mediation or other means short of litigation. The parties shall cooperate in good faith in pursuing mediation or such other means.

11.10 GOVERNING LAW

This License Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the province of Ontario, and the laws of Canada applicable therein.

11.11 VENUE

The Licensor agrees that any action or proceeding instituted by it relating to this License Agreement or its dealings with the Licensee or a Member pursuant to this License Agreement shall be brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario, Canada, and for that purpose the Licensor now irrevocably and unconditionally attorns and submits to the jurisdiction of such court. The Licensor further agrees that Licensee may, at its sole discretion, bring any action or proceeding relating to this License Agreement in a court of competent jurisdiction in the Province of Ontario, Canada or in any jurisdiction in which the Licensor is incorporated, registered or resident. In any such event, the Licensor agrees that it will irrevocably waive any right to, and will not, oppose any such action or proceeding on any jurisdictional basis, including forum non conveniens.

12. RIGHTS TO PUBLISH OPEN ACCESS MATERIAL

12.1 OPEN ACCESS PUBLISHING

Licensor agrees to permit Eligible Corresponding Authors to publish Eligible Articles as open access in Hybrid Open Access Publishing Titles and Gold Open Access Publishing Titles on the basis of the terms of this License Agreement, as well as access to the Licensed Materials as set forth herein.

12.2 RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LICENSOR

Licensor agrees to publish the Eligible Articles as Open Access Material in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 6 – Open Access Material Workflows and Services.

Licensor agrees to set the default publication option as open access for Eligible Articles upon confirming identity of Eligible Corresponding Author.

12.3 RESPONSIBILITIES OF MEMBERS

Members will be responsible for informing Eligible Corresponding Authors that this License Agreement is in place and that their Eligible Articles can be made Open Access Material on acceptance in the Hybrid Open Access Publishing Titles and Gold Open Access Publishing Titles.

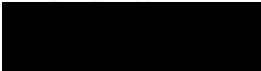
12.4 EDITORIAL INDEPENDENCE

All parties acknowledge that during the term of this Agreement, Members will in no way be involved with the editorial process for any of the Licensed Materials.

Nothing herein contained shall oblige the Licensor to publish any article submitted to the Licensor by an Eligible Corresponding Author. The Member acknowledges that the selection of material to be published on the Platform is entirely at the discretion of the Licensor. The Member waives any claim it may have against the Licensor in the event that the Licensor refuses or declines to publish any material (or part thereof) submitted by an Eligible Corresponding Author.

AS WITNESS the hands of the parties the day and year below first written,

FOR THE LICENSOR: **THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY**

Signature:  _____ Date: 12/12/2024 | 8:39 AM GMT

Name (in block capitals): PAUL LEWIS

Position / Title: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

FOR THE LICENSEE: **CANADIAN RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**

Signature:  _____ Date: December 17, 2024

Name (in block capitals): CLARE APPAVOO

Position / Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

SCHEDULE 1

LICENSED MATERIALS AND ACCESS METHOD

A schedule dated January 1, 2025 to the License Agreement January 1, 2025 between **THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY** and **CANADIAN RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**.

THE LICENSED MATERIALS

1. Journals

The Licensed Materials are the Royal Society of Chemistry's hybrid and Gold OA journals and Databases, as set out on the attached spreadsheet (filename: CRKN-RSC_2025-2027_Schedule1_Gold_2024-12-09.xlsx).

Members shall have access to the electronic versions of any new journals launched by the Publisher during the term of this Agreement (2025-2027).

2. eBooks

The Licensed Materials are the Royal Society of Chemistry's eBook Collections for 2025, 2026, 2027, and are purchased by the specified Members in Schedule 3 – Members of the Consortium Participating in the Agreement.

The prospective 2025 collection is as set out on the attached spreadsheet (filename: CRKN-RSC_2025-2027_Schedule1_E-Books_2024-12-09.xlsx) and includes any additional books added to the collection during 2025. The Publisher commits that a minimum of 70 books will be included in the 2025 collection.

The Publisher commits that a minimum of 70 and 75 books will be included in each of the forthcoming collections 2026 and 2027, respectively.

License Agreement Start Date: January 1, 2025

License Agreement End Date: December 31, 2027

ACCESS METHOD

Unlimited use of the Licensed Materials on the Licensor's Platform.

User authentication mechanisms supported are:

IP addresses / ranges

Shibboleth access via Canadian Access (CANARIE) Federation.


PERPETUAL ACCESS

Members are permitted perpetual access to the Licensed Material as specified in 10.5.3 on the Platform without additional maintenance or hosting fees. Perpetual access rights are granted to the Members for all Licensed Materials for the years to which they subscribed. For the avoidance of doubt, perpetual start and end dates are outlined in the following document: CRKN-RSC_2025-2027_Schedule1_Gold_2024-12-09.hxlxs

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SCHEDULE 2**FEE**

A schedule dated January 1, 2025 to the License Agreement January 1, 2025 between **THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY** and **CANADIAN RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**.

All fees in in British Pounds and exclusive of all taxes.

TOTAL FEE**2025**

Gold Journals	£692,230.27
<u>Ebooks</u>	<u>£49,092.67</u>
Total	£741,322.94

2026

Gold Journals	£706,074.88
<u>Ebooks</u>	<u>£31,672.69</u>
Total	£737,749.57

2027

Gold Journals	£720,196.38
<u>Ebooks</u>	<u>£31,672.69</u>
Total	£751,869.07

TOTAL 2025-2027: £2,230,941.58

PAYMENT SCHEDULE**Payable upon execution of the License Agreement (net 60 days):**

License period January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

2025 TOTAL: £741,322.94

Payable by December 31, 2025

License period January 1, 2026 – December 31, 2026

2026 TOTAL: £737,749.57

Payable by December 31, 2026

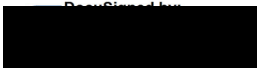
License period January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027

2024 TOTAL: £751,869.07

See spreadsheet attached (filename: CRKN-RSC_2025-2027_Schedule2_2024-12-09.xlsx)

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Position / Title: Executive Director

SCHEDULE 3

MEMBERS OF THE CONSORTIUM PARTICIPATING IN THE LICENSE AGREEMENT

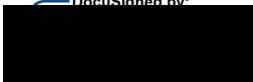
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	Gold Journals	2025 E-Books	2026 E-Books	2027 E-Books
Atlantic Region (10):				
Acadia University	✓			
Cape Breton University	✓			
Dalhousie University	✓			
Memorial University of Newfoundland	✓			
Mount Allison University	✓			
Mount Saint Vincent University	✓	✓	✓	✓
Saint Mary's University	✓			
St. Francis Xavier University	✓			
University of New Brunswick	✓			
University of Prince Edward Island	✓			
Québec (11):				
Bishop's University	✓			
Concordia University	✓			
École Polytechnique de Montréal	✓			
McGill University	✓	✓	✓	✓
Université de Montréal	✓			
Université de Sherbrooke	✓			
École de technologie supérieure	✓			
Institut national de la recherche scientifique	✓			
Université du Québec à Rimouski	✓			
Université du Québec à Trois Rivières	✓			
Université Laval	✓	✓		
Ontario (16):				
Brock University	✓			
Carleton University	✓			
Lakehead University	✓			
McMaster University	✓			
Queen's University	✓			
Toronto Metropolitan University	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trent University	✓			
University of Guelph	✓	✓		
University of Ontario Institute of Technology	✓			

University of Ottawa	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Toronto	✓	✓	✓	✓
University of Waterloo	✓			
University of Windsor	✓			
Western University	✓			
Wilfrid Laurier University	✓			
York University	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western Region (17):				
Athabasca University	✓			
MacEwan University	✓			
Royal Roads University	✓			
Simon Fraser University	✓			
The King's University	✓			
Thompson Rivers University	✓			
Trinity Western University	✓			
University of Alberta	✓			
University of British Columbia	✓			
University of Calgary	✓			
University of Lethbridge	✓			
University of Manitoba	✓			
University of Northern British Columbia	✓			
University of Regina	✓			
University of Saskatchewan	✓	✓		
University of the Fraser Valley	✓			
University of Victoria	✓			


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 Position / Title: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

FOR THE LICENSEE: **CANADIAN RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**

Signature:  _____ Date: December 17, 2024

Name (in block capitals): CLARE APPAVOO
 Position / Title: Executive Director

SCHEDULE 4

IP ADDRESSES OF THE MEMBERS PARTICIPATING IN THE LICENSE AGREEMENT

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Position / Title: CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

FOR THE LICENSEE: **CANADIAN RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**

Signature:  _____ Date: December 17, 2024

Name (in block capitals): CLARE APPAVOO

Position / Title: Executive Director

SCHEDULE 5

USAGE DATA AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

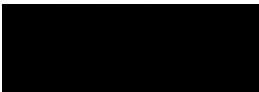
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Usage reporting frequency: Monthly
Currency of data: Previous month
Distribution of usage data: MPS Insight
Level of reporting: Counter 5 reports and moving to Counter 5.1.
Exportable to applications: SUSHI
Customized: No

For avoidance of doubt usage statistics are not available for the Database *Chemistry World*.

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Signature  _____

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SCHEDULE 6

OPEN ACCESS MATERIAL WORKFLOWS AND SERVICES

A schedule dated January 1, 2025 to the License Agreement January 1, 2025 between **THE ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY** and **CANADIAN RESEARCH KNOWLEDGE NETWORK**.

1 Article Submission Process

- a. Licensor uses ScholarOne as its journal article submission system. To do this the submitting author should go to the homepage of the relevant journal's homepage and click on the 'Submit your article' button. This will bring up the ScholarOne log in page. The submitting author needs to follow the instructions for submitting the article. To ensure that the article is published as an open access article without paying a Article Processing Charge the submitting author needs to be identified as an Eligible Corresponding Author as specified in Clause 2 below and the relevant Funder information needs to be given.

2 Eligible Corresponding Author identification

- a. During the submission of the article, the submitting author is responsible for correctly identifying the institutional affiliation of all authors, to identify the corresponding author and to provide institutional email addresses.

Licensor will identify an Eligible Corresponding Author using the corresponding author's email address domain. The Member is responsible for providing and updating the list of applicable email domains for Licensor to use in matching.

- b. If the author was not identified as eligible due to incomplete, inaccurate, or conflicting affiliation data provided by the submitting author, Licensor will work with the Consortium or Member to identify author and to convert the article to open access retroactively, if required. Retroactive open access conversion will be provided by the Licensor with no additional fees resulting for Eligible Authors, Members, or the Consortium.
- c. If the Eligible Corresponding Author was not identified as eligible due to Licensor's failure and then Licensor publishes the article under a traditional subscription-only format, Licensor shall be responsible to convert the article promptly so that it is published open access.

3 Licensor's Responsibilities

- a. Licensor shall:
 - i. Verify the identity of Eligible Corresponding Author after the acceptance of the article manuscript, via email domain and automatically approve validation of the Eligible Corresponding Author's article manuscript for open access publishing.
 - ii. Inform Eligible Corresponding Author of APC-free open access publishing upon confirming identity and eligibility via its licensing system OAAP.
 - iii. Provide Licensee with a list of the open access journals and their type;
 - iv. Provide reports to the Licensee detailing publishing outputs. Full list of required data is listed below in item 5a;
 - v. Host information relating to the open access publishing opportunities it offers on the publisher's website; and
 - vi. Facilitate eligible retroactive open access publishing.

4 Member Responsibilities

- a. Members will be responsible for informing Eligible Corresponding Authors that this License Agreement is in place and that their Eligible Articles can be made Open Access Material on acceptance in the Hybrid Open Access Publishing Titles and Gold Open Access Publishing Titles.

5 Open Access Reporting

- a. Licensor to provide the following information as a minimum for all open access publication output reports:
 - i. Author Name
 - ii. Author ORCID iD
 - iii. Derived Institution
 - iv. Derived Ringgold_ID
 - v. Resource ID
 - vi. DOI
 - vii. Original Manuscript_ID
 - viii. Original Submission Date
 - ix. Final Decision
 - x. Latest Decision Date
 - xi. Article Title
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 - xiii. Author Type
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6. Provision of Information: Subscribing Members and Open Access Schemes

- a. Licensor shall provide reasonably sufficient information to enable Eligible Corresponding Authors to benefit from its open access schemes as described in this Schedule 6.
- b. Licensor shall ensure that its publishing systems, including communications with authors, in no way obstruct the implementation of this License Agreement and the timely participation of all Eligible Corresponding Authors.

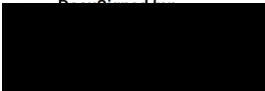
7. Additional Information

- a. For each open access Article, the Licensor assigns the applicable Creative Commons Attribution International Public License (current version available).
- b. This shall include the information on the Creative Commons licensing terms that apply to each version of the Article and making the relevant Open Access Article, together with the applicable Creative Commons licence, available on the open web without any requirement for authentication in order to obtain access or to download the Article. Each Article shall include any disclaimer or other statements required by the Licensor in compliance with its policies for release on the open web. Licensor shall make any such policies readily and openly accessible on its website, or by other reasonable means to draw them to the attention

of authors submitting any Open Access Article.

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