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5.6.3. Use reasonable endeavours to ensure that the Licensed Material will be compatible with standard search interfaces (e.g. Z39.50, SRU/SRW) for the term of the Agreement.

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5.6.5. Use its best endeavours to adhere to the specifications of the KBART standards (<http://www.uksg.org/kbart/s5/guidelines>).

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- 5.6.10. Make the Licensed Materials available through Licensee's Discovery Service System for indexing and discovery purposes.

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- 5.7. Use reasonable endeavours to provide the Licensee with the necessary data to allow the Licensed Materials to be searched by Licensee's Authorized and Walk-in-Users via any information retrieval portal in the Licensee's use.
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- 5.9. Reserve the right at any time to withdraw from the Licensed Material any item or part of an item which it has reasonable grounds to believe infringes copyright or is defamatory, obscene or unlawful. If the withdrawn material constitutes more than a single article, the Licensor shall give written notice to the National Library acting on behalf of the Licensee of such withdrawal 90 days prior to the withdrawal. If the withdrawn material represents more than five percent (5%) of the Licensed Material the Licensor shall make a pro rata refund of part of the Fee, taking into account the amount of material withdrawn and the remaining unexpired portion of the Term. Alternatively, if the withdrawal results in the Licensed Material being less useful to the Licensee, it may within thirty (30) days of such notice treat such changes as a material breach of this Agreement.

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- 6.1.1. Provide through the National Library acting on its behalf a list of valid IP addresses to the Licensors and update those lists on a regular basis.
 - 6.1.2. Use reasonable endeavours to notify Authorized and Walk-in-Users of the user terms and conditions of this Agreement.
 - 6.1.3. Use reasonable endeavours to ensure that only Authorized and Walk-in-Users are permitted access to the Licensed Materials.
 - 6.1.4. Immediately upon becoming aware of any unauthorized use or other breach, inform the Licensors and take all reasonable and appropriate steps, including disciplinary action, both to ensure that such activity ceases and to prevent any recurrence.
- 6.2. Nothing in this Agreement shall make the Licensee liable for breach of the terms of the Agreement by any Authorized or Walk-in-User provided that the Licensee did not cause, knowingly assist or condone the continuation of such breach after becoming aware of an actual breach having occurred.

7. UNDERTAKINGS BY BOTH PARTIES

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10. TERMINATION

10.1. In addition to automatic termination at the end of the Term unless renewed this Agreement terminates if either party gives written notice to the other in the following circumstances:

10.1.1. Either party commits a material or persistent breach of any term of this Agreement and fails to remedy the breach (if capable of remedy) within thirty days of notification in writing by the other party.

10.1.2. Either party becomes insolvent or becomes subject to receivership, liquidation or similar external administration.

- 10.1.3. Licensee opts out during the term of the Agreement. Notice of an opt out must be given to the Licensors no later than three months prior to the end of the calendar year. The opt out will become effective on 1st of January of the following year. When the Agreement is terminated the respective Licensee's share of the Fee(s) will be deducted from the Fee(s).
- 10.1.4. A change in control of a Licensee occurs, a Licensee merges with or acquires an organization, breaks up or if changes relevant to this Agreement occur in the Licensee's permission to organize higher level education or other legislation regarding the Licensee and relevant to this Agreement. When the Agreement is terminated the respective Licensee's share of the Fee(s) will be deducted from the Fee(s).
- 10.2. For avoidance of doubt the termination as contemplated in clause 10.1. and all its consequences will only affect the Licensee (member of the FinELib consortium) in question.
- 10.3. On termination of this Agreement, copies of parts of the Licensed Material made by the Licensee, Authorized and/or Walk-In-Users may be retained. All rights and obligations of the parties automatically terminate except for those specified in sections 3 and 4 (permitted and prohibited uses), clauses 10.5.-10.10.(archival access), 8.1-8.5. (warranty, indemnity).
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10.5. The Licensee is permitted to mount the archival copies of the Licensed Material supplied by the Licensor in accordance with Clause 10.5. (ii), communicate, make available and provide access to such Licensed Material via a Secure Network to Authorized and Walk-in-Users in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Licensee is further permitted to make such copies or re-format the Licensed Material contained in the archival copies supplied by the Licensor in any way to ensure their future preservation and accessibility in accordance with this Agreement.

10.6. Perpetual use of metadata copied/downloaded in accordance with clause 3.2.7 during the Term (and previous Term is defined here and as applicable per Licensee) is specified in 3.2.7.

10.7. In the event that ownership of a part of the Licensed Material is sold by the Licensor or otherwise transferred to another publisher, the Licensor shall use its best efforts to retain a non-exclusive copy of the volumes published during the Term (and previous Terms as specified in 10.5.) and make them available without charge to the Licensee and its Authorized and Walk-in-Users:
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ii) by supplying such material without charge to the Licensee in accordance with the procedure described in Clause 10.5. (ii)

10.8. In the event that the Licensor ceases to publish a part of the Licensed Material (including back issues of a title as part of the Licensed Material), the Licensor shall:
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11. GENERAL

11.1. ENTIRE AGREEMENT

This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement of the parties and supersedes all prior communications, understandings and agreements relating to the subject matter of this Agreement, whether oral or written.

11.2. ALTERATIONS

Alterations to this Agreement and to the Schedules to this Agreement (which may be altered separately from the body of this Agreement without affecting the validity of the Agreement as a whole) are only valid if they are recorded in writing and signed by both parties.

11.3. ASSIGNMENT

This Agreement may not be assigned by either party to any other person or organisation, nor may either party sub-contract any of its obligations, without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld. In any permitted assignment, the assignor shall procure and ensure that the assignee shall assume all rights and obligations of the assignor under this Agreement and agrees to be bound to all the terms of this Agreement

11.4. NOTICES

All notices required to be given under this Agreement shall be given in writing and sent by electronic mail, fax or first class registered or recorded delivery to the relevant addressee at its address set out below, or to such other address as may be notified by either party to the other from time to time under this Agreement, and all such notices shall be deemed to have been received (a) twenty-four (24) hours after successful transmission in the case of electronic mail or fax; (b) fourteen (14) days after the date of posting in the case of first class registered or recorded delivery:

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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 Agreement by Force Majeure such party must give 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. If Force Majeure continues for more than 60 days, the other party has the right to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect.

11.6. SEVERABILITY

The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the continuation in force of the remainder of this Agreement.

11.7. WAIVER

The failure of either party to require performance by the other party of any provision of this Agreement will not affect its full right to require such performance at any subsequent time; nor will the waiver by either party of a breach of any provision of this Agreement be taken or held to be a waiver of the provision itself.

11.8. GOVERNING LAW

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Finnish law, excluding its choice of law rules.

11.9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

Any dispute, controversy or claim arising between the parties under or in connection with this Agreement shall be settled in arbitration in accordance with the Rules of Arbitration Committee of the Finnish Central Chamber of Commerce pursuant to the regulations in force. The arbitration shall take place in Helsinki, Finland, in the English language.

11.10. SANCTIONS

Licensor and National Library confirm that they are currently not the subject or target of any sanctions imposed by the sanctions authority of the European Union or the United Nations and/or b) freezing of assets decision by a Finnish authority, and neither is any person or entity that is an owner of either party or otherwise has control over the specific party. National Library confirms that to the best of its knowledge, and after reasonable enquiry, no Licensee is subject or the target of any sanctions.

Licensor and National Library will inform the other party without delay if there is any change in the sanctions or freezing of assets status of itself or the aforementioned person or entity or if the National Library becomes aware of the change in the status of a Licensee. If there is a change in the aforementioned sanctions or freezing of assets status of the Licensor, the Licensee has the right to terminate this Agreement with immediate effect and receive a pro-rated refund of any Fees paid.

11.11. DATA PROTECTION

If at any time during the Term the Commission implementing decision of 28.6.2021 pursuant to Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the adequate protection of personal data by the United Kingdom is no longer in force, and agreement over entering into the European Commission standard contractual clauses (SCC controller to controller) cannot be reached, Licensee may terminate this Agreement with notice to Licensor and receive a refund of any prepaid but unused Fees.

11.12. CONFIDENTIALITY

This Agreement including all schedules is not considered confidential. Licensor acknowledges that the National Library and/or Licensee (s) is intending to publish the Agreement including all Schedules.

11.13. SCHEDULES

This Agreement includes the following Schedules (which can be amended from time to time), which are incorporated as if fully set forth herein:

Schedule1: The Licensee: members of the FinELib-consortium

Schedule 2: The Licensed Material

Schedule 3: The License Fee(s)

Schedule 4: OA Article Workflows and Services

Schedule 5: Full OA Journals

Signatures

For the Licensee:

For the Licensor:

Signature:

Signature:



Name:

Katja Hilska-Keinänen
Director of Services

Name:

Emma Wilson
Director of Publishing

Date:

Date:

Schedule 1:

The Licensee: members of the FinELib-consortium

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Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT

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Tampere University including Tampere University Hospital

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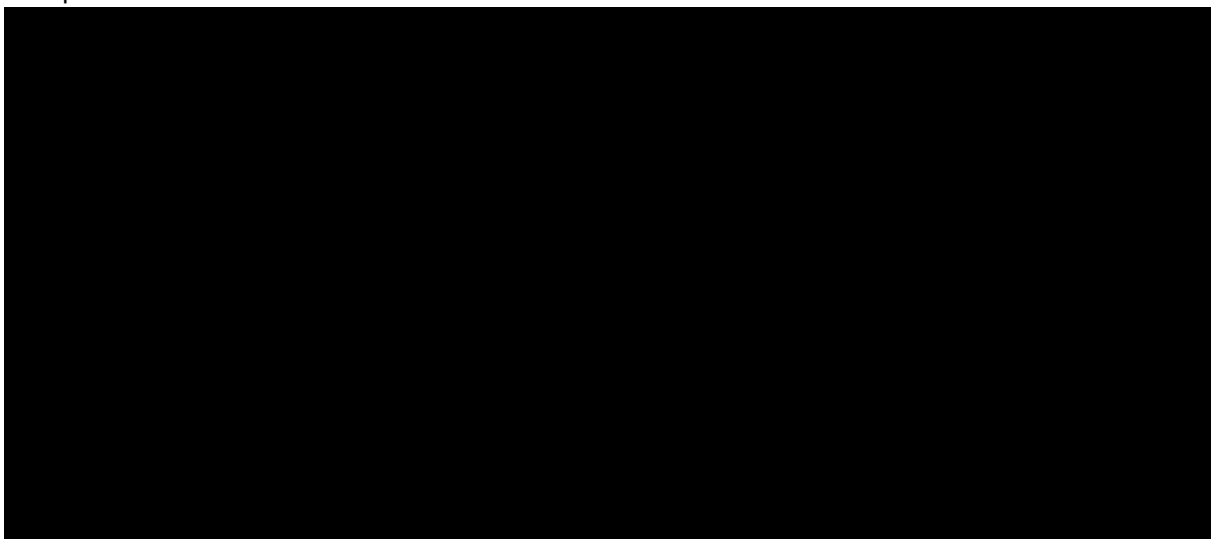
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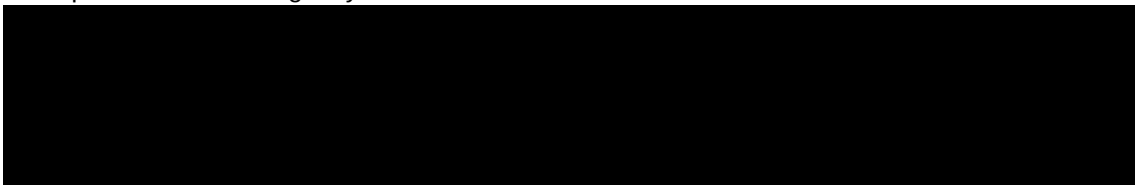


Research institutes

VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland



European Chemicals Agency



Schedule 2: The Licensed Material

Read & Publish licence agreement for 2026-2027 for the Licensed Material.

Licensee has access to the electronic versions of the following Hybrid Journals:

Journals	E-ISSN	Access years during Term	Copyright Owner*
Analyst	1364-5528	2008-2027	RSC
Analytical Methods¹	1759-9679	2009-2027	RSC
Biomaterials Science¹	2047-4849	2013-2027	RSC
Catalysis Science & Technology¹	2044-4761	2011-2027	RSC
Chemical Communications	1364-548X	2008-2027	RSC
Chemical Society Reviews	1460-4744	2008-2027	RSC
CrystEngComm	1466-8033	2008-2027	RSC
Dalton Transactions	1477-9234	2008-2027	RSC
Energy & Environmental Science	1754-5706	2008-2027	RSC
Environmental Science: Nano¹	2051-8161	2014-2027	RSC
Environmental Science: Processes & Impacts including Journal of Environmental Monitoring (1464-0333) 2008-2012	2050-7895	2013-2027	RSC
Environmental Science: Water Research & Technology¹	2053-1419	2015-2027	RSC
Faraday Discussions	1364-5498	2008-2027	RSC
Food & Function¹	2042-650X	2010-2027	RSC
Green Chemistry	1463-9270	2008-2027	RSC
Inorganic Chemistry Frontiers¹	2052-1553	2014-2027	PKU
Journal of Analytical Atomic Spectrometry	1364-5544	2008-2027	RSC
Journal of Materials Chemistry A	2050-7496	2013-2027	RSC
Journal of Materials Chemistry B	2050-7518	2013-2027	RSC
Journal of Materials Chemistry C including Journal of Materials Chemistry (1364-5501) 2008-2012	2050-7534	2013-2027	RSC
Lab on a Chip	1473-0189	2008-2027	RSC
Materials Chemistry Frontiers¹	2052-1537	2017-2027	IC
Materials Horizons¹	2051-6355	2014-2027	RSC
Molecular Systems Design & Engineering¹	2058-9689	2016-2027	ICHEME
Nanoscale¹	2040-3372	2009-2027	RSC
Nanoscale Horizons¹	2055-6764	2016-2027	RSC
Natural Product Reports	1460-4752	2008-2027	RSC
New Journal of Chemistry	1369-9261	2008-2027	CNRS
Organic & Biomolecular Chemistry	1477-0539	2008-2027	RSC
Organic Chemistry Frontiers¹	2052-4129	2014-2027	SIOC
Physical Chemistry Chemical Physics	1463-9084	2008-2027	Owner Societies
Polymer Chemistry¹	1759-9962	2010-2027	RSC
Reaction Chemistry & Engineering¹	2058-9883	2016-2027	RSC
RSC Medicinal Chemistry including MedChemComm ¹ (2040-2511) 2010-2019	2632-8682	2020-2027	RSC
Soft Matter	1744-6848	2008-2027	RSC
Sustainable Energy & Fuels¹	2398-4902	2017-2027	RSC

¹ Access is free for the first two (2) years/volumes.

* RSC	The Royal Society of Chemistry
ACS GD	American Chemical Society, Division of Geochemistry
CNRS	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique
ESP/EPA	European Society for Photobiology, European Photochemistry Association
IC	Chinese Chemical Society, Institute of Chemistry of Chinese Academy of Sciences and Royal Society of Chemistry
IChemE	Institution of Chemical Engineers and Royal Society of Chemistry
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PKU	Chinese Chemical Society, Peking University and Royal Society of Chemistry
SIOC	Chinese Chemical Society, Shanghai Institute of Organic Chemistry and Royal Society of Chemistry

Schedule 3: The License Fees

The Licensee shall, in consideration for the rights granted under this Agreement, pay the Fees as set out below. The Fees are exclusive of VAT.

Listing of Fees per Licensee organisation:

Organisation	2026 Fee (£)	2027 Fee(£)
Aalto University	£66 720	£68 920
Abo Akademi University	£35 920	£38 120
University of Eastern Finland incl. Kuopio University Hospital	£29 320	£31 520
University of Jyväskylä	£42 520	£44 720
Tampere University incl. Tampere University Hospital	£37 680	£39 880
University of Helsinki incl. Helsinki University Central Hospital	£66 720	£68 920
University of Oulu incl. Oulu University Hospital	£56 160	£58 360
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland	£27 560	£29 760
University of Turku incl. Turku University Central Hospital	£38 560	£38 560
Lappeenranta-Lahti University of Technology LUT	£27 560	£29 760
European Chemicals Agency	£25 360	£25 360
Total	£454 080	£473 880

The Fees include a publishing fee for both Hybrid and Full OA Journals, excluding Chemical Science.

Chemical Science is, at date of signature, a Diamond open access journal with no article processing charges. If at any time during the Term of the Agreement the status of this journal changes, articles in *Chemical Science* will not be covered under this Agreement.

Payment will be made annually within sixty (60) days of receipt of invoice. The tasks of receipt, payment and other handling of invoices are undertaken by the National Library on behalf of the Licensee.

The invoice must contain the following information:

- reference: H981 FinELib Ari Alkio
- name of the Licensed content
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Schedule 4: OA Article Workflows and Services

These OA Article workflow and services ("Services") are the article-based open access business model used by Licensor for titles in the Licensed Material (Schedule 2) and Full OA Journals (Schedule 5)

1. Eligible Authors

- 1.1 Authors ("Eligible Authors") who want to publish OA Articles must be affiliated with one of the Licensees and agree to Licensor's open access publishing conditions.
- 1.2 Eligible Authors must be the primary corresponding author as designated upon article submission, and must be stated as their affiliation in the author submission workflow.
- 1.3 Eligible Authors are identified by the Licensor through e-mail domain(s) defined for each Licensee.

In future, Licensor may use the following parameters together with e-mail domains(s) to identify Eligible Authors:

- persistent identifier, such as Ringgold, ORCID or other recognised institutional identifier as provided by the Eligible Author and published in the article metadata; and/or
- affiliation as stated in the author submission workflow; and/or
- IP ranges specified by the Licensee.

Licensor shall notify the Licensee through the National Library in writing at least 8 weeks in advance of any changes to the identification process.

- 1.4 Eligible Authors can object to their article being made an OA Article (so-called opt out) and publish subscription based instead. Licensor will inform the Licensee in each case accordingly and in a timely manner.
- 1.5 Eligible Authors who have their articles accepted for publication during the Term published on subscription basis (either due to lack of identification of the author or choice of publication basis) have the right to have their article retrospectively converted to open access without paying any article processing charges.
- 1.6 Eligible Authors who have paid the article processing charges (due to lack of identification of the author) for an article published in Licensed Material or in a Full OA Journal have the right to get their money back for articles accepted for publication during the Term.

- 1.7 Eligible Authors retain copyright in articles published on open access basis.

2. Obligations of Licensors and Licensees

- 2.1 Licensors shall publish all articles (all article types are covered) from Eligible Authors accepted for publication during the Term in a title listed in Schedules 2 and 5 as OA Articles under a Creative Commons Attribution) licence without delay upon first publication on Licensors' platform. Licensors offer CC BY 3.0 and will offer CC BY 4.0 as part of its move to a new platform (scheduled for mid-2026) for each title listed in Schedules 2 and 5,. Licensors will make every effort to support the Eligible Author to comply with the agreement and to sign the necessary licence.

In the event a title listed in Schedule 2 converts from a hybrid publication model to a fully open access publication model, that title will remain an eligible hybrid title for purposes of this Agreement and thus eligible for publication under this Agreement for the Term 2026-2027.

- 2.2 Licensors shall be responsible for the identification of Eligible Authors. If authors have not provided data to identify their eligibility at submission, they are not guaranteed to be identified as eligible to publish open access under this Agreement.

If Licensors fail to identify authors despite correctly communicated e-mail domain (or other agreed identification method):

- a) The National Library shall notify the Licensors no later than 6 months following the date of first online publication of the relevant article that it believes that the identification parameter(s) have not been correctly applied.
- b) The Licensors shall promptly upon such notification investigate and confirm to the National Library of Finland whether the parameters have been applied correctly, or incorrectly.
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- d) The Licensors shall issue the correction described in c) above within 14 days from receipt of the consent from the Eligible Author. The National Library agrees and acknowledges that any delay by an Eligible Author in consenting to the correction, shall result in a delay in rectifying the article's status.

- 2.3 If Licensors need to verify eligibility of an Author, Licensors will contact the Licensee and the Licensee will verify the eligibility of an article as quickly as possible to ensure the timely production and publication of the article. If Licensee requires more than five (5) business days to approve or reject the eligibility of the article, they will inform Licensors about the delay in the process.

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- 3.1 Licensors will not directly charge Eligible Authors.
- 3.2 Licensors will only count OA Articles from Eligible Authors that have been accepted for publication (article acceptance). Licensors will document how many eligible articles have been accepted for publication and will communicate this to Licensee through the National Library on a monthly basis. The report shall include the following details:
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 - Author's affiliation
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 - ISSN/EISSN
 - Article title
 - Article type
 - DOI and/ or link to the published article
- 3.3 Licensors shall also provide an annual report of the total number of articles published in conformity with this Agreement.
- 3.4 Licensors will deliver article metadata including license information to CrossRef.

4. Editorial independence

- 4.1 Both parties recognise that Licensee will not be involved in the editorial processes despite its financial obligations towards Licensors.
- 4.2 Licensors are not obligated to publish an article submitted by an Eligible Author on the basis of this Agreement.
- 4.3 Licensee recognises that the selection of content that is to be published on Licensors' platform is entirely at Licensors' discretion. Licensee relinquishes all possible due claims towards Licensors resulting from Licensors' rejection to publish content, either entirely or partially, submitted by an Eligible Author.

Schedule 5: The Full OA Journals

Journals	E-ISSN	Access	APC Charged	Copyright Owner
Chemical Science	2041-6539	2015-2026	Currently waived	RSC
Digital Discovery	2635-098X	2022-2026	Yes	RSC
EES Batteries	3033-4071	2025-2026	From mid-2027	RSC
EES Catalysis	2753-801X	2023-2026	Yes	RSC
EES Solar	3033-4063	2025-2026	From mid-2027	RSC
Energy Advances	2753-1457	2022-2026	Yes	RSC
Environmental Science: Advances	2754-7000	2022-2026	Yes	RSC
Environmental Science: Atmospheres	2634-3606	2021-2026	Yes	RSC
Industrial Chemistry & Materials	2755-2608	2023-2026	From 2029	IPE
Materials Advances	2633-5409	2020-2026	Yes	RSC
Nanoscale Advances	2156-0230	2018-2026	Yes	RSC
RSC Advances	2046-2069	2017-2026	Yes	RSC
RSC Applied Interfaces	2755-3701	2024-2026	Yes	RSC
RSC Applied Polymers	2755-371X	2023-2026	Yes	RSC
RSC Chemical Biology	2633-0679	2020-2026	Yes	RSC
RSC Mechanochemistry	2976-8683	2024-2026	From mid-2026	RSC
RSC Pharmaceuticals	2976-8713	2024-2026	From mid-2026	RSC
RSC Sustainability	2753-8125	2023-2026	Yes	RSC
Sensors & Diagnostics	2635-0998	2022-2026	Yes	RSC
Sustainable Food Technology	2753-8095	2023-2026	Yes	RSC

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