

48,173 reviewers
from **128** countries
and regions



*for peer reviews completed in 2024

Over **2,290**
books
published



*as of January 2025

Extensive
database
coverage



The Merck Index* *Online*

12,485

monographs *as of December 2025

MarinLit

43,610

compounds *as of October 2025

20,519

substances *as of December 2025

The Merck Index* *Online*

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435,000

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965,000

monthly page views

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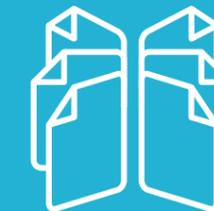
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VOLUME

PUBLISHING IMPACT

The volume of high quality content we publish increases the potential for meaningful impact

57 journals



*as of January 2025



204,866 authors

from **179** countries
and regions

*authors of articles published in 2025 issues

40,246

article
publications



*in 2025 issues



126,208

article submissions

*in 2025

REACH

We ensure our content reaches those who can use it most effectively.

Over **77.7 million** article downloads across **147** countries and regions



*in 2024

1,524 institutions under Open Access agreements
Open Access agreements (Read & Publish) across **41** countries and regions



*as of January 2025

PUBLISHING IMPACT

Over **145,000** gold open access articles



*published to date in both gold open access and hybrid journals

over **2.08 million** citations
Publisher **impact factor: 5.275**



20 Journals with an **impact factor above 5**

*all 2024 JCR data

38.6% of articles **open access**

*in 2024

19 fully **open access** journals

*as of January 2025

Over **825** institutions, across **53** countries and regions with access to eBook collections



Over **21,250** gold open access articles

entirely funded by Royal Society of Chemistry

*in gold open access journals to date



Over **5,350**

institutions worldwide with access to our subscription journals



*as of November 2025

Over **124,890** Altmetrics mentions across over **37,678** outputs (journal articles, books and book chapters) - and including **18,890** mentions in patents and policy documents



*past 12 months

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32.8% acceptance rate

*average across all journals in 2024

Publishing ethics

- We are members of **COPE** and active contributors to their activities.
- We are leaders of **cross-publisher** conversations on tackling papers mills.

PUBLISHING IMPACT

Times to decision and publication

31 Days from submission to first decision

(published manuscripts only) - 2024 average

79 Days from submission to publication

(advance article) - 2024 average



Inclusion and diversity

25%

of journal submitting authors are women

*self-reported data 1st January-7th December 2025

Journal editorial and advisory board members from

59 countries and regions

16%

of journal reviewers are women

Book editors and authors from

107 countries and regions

What our customers say

98%



of our customers agree that we publish **high-quality** chemical science research

95%



of our customers agree that we publish content that is **essential** for their research

95%



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*from a survey of customers in 2024