

Publisher metrics

Our impact in numbers

Our focus is on helping the chemical science community make a positive impact. We want to show you the bigger picture, so you can fully understand how we support you.

Our publisher metrics emphasise the volume, reach and quality of our content, and how we are committed to building trust with the community we serve.

VOLUME

PUBLISHING IMPACT

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

57 journals

*as of January 2026



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

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

*for peer reviews completed in 2024



Over **2,500**
books
published

*as of January 2025



**Extensive
database
coverage**



The Merck Index* *Online*

12,549

monographs *as of July 2026

20,591

substances *as of July 2026

The Merck Index* *Online*

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MarinLit
44,985
compounds *as of July 2026

ChemSpider monthly database usage

306,597
monthly visits

797,259
monthly page views

September 2025 (Google analytics average over 12 month)

REACH

PUBLISHING IMPACT

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

Over
145,000
gold
open
access
articles



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

1,722 institutions
under Open Access
agreements
Open Access
agreements
(Read & Publish)
across **42** countries
and regions



2.2 million
citations
Average **Impact Factor:**
6.8



30 Journals with an
impact factor above 5

*as of January 2026

*all 2025 JCR data

42.3%

of articles
open access

*in 2025

19

fully **open access**
journals

*as of January 2026

Over 5,350

institutions
worldwide
with access
to our
subscription
journals



*as of November 2025

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



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

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

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Our flagship journal,
Chemical Science, is gold
open access, making every
article freely available to
read from the moment it's
published.

*in gold open access journals to date

TRUST

PUBLISHING IMPACT

Authors and readers can trust in what, how and why we publish



32.8%
acceptance rate

*average across all journals in 2024

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



Publishing ethics

- We are members of **COPE** and active contributors to their activities.
- We are leaders of **cross-publisher** conversations on tackling papers mills.
- We have a dedicated publishing **ethics** team.



Inclusion and diversity

24%

of journal submitting
and accepted authors
are women

*Self-reported data 1st January - 26th August 2026

16%

of journal reviewers
are women

Journal editorial
and advisory board
members from

60

countries and
regions

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%



of our customers agree that
we publish content that they
can **trust**

*from a survey of customers in 2024

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