How can we individually and collectively champion open and ethical scholarly publishing systems?

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What makes a publishing model open *and ethical* ? Which features to consider?

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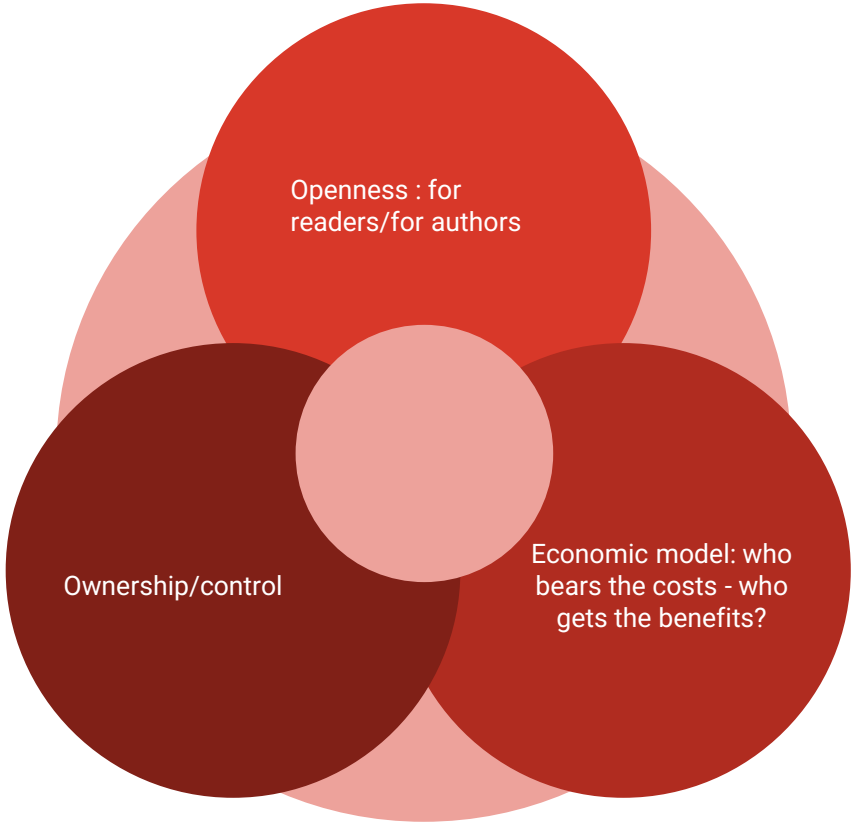

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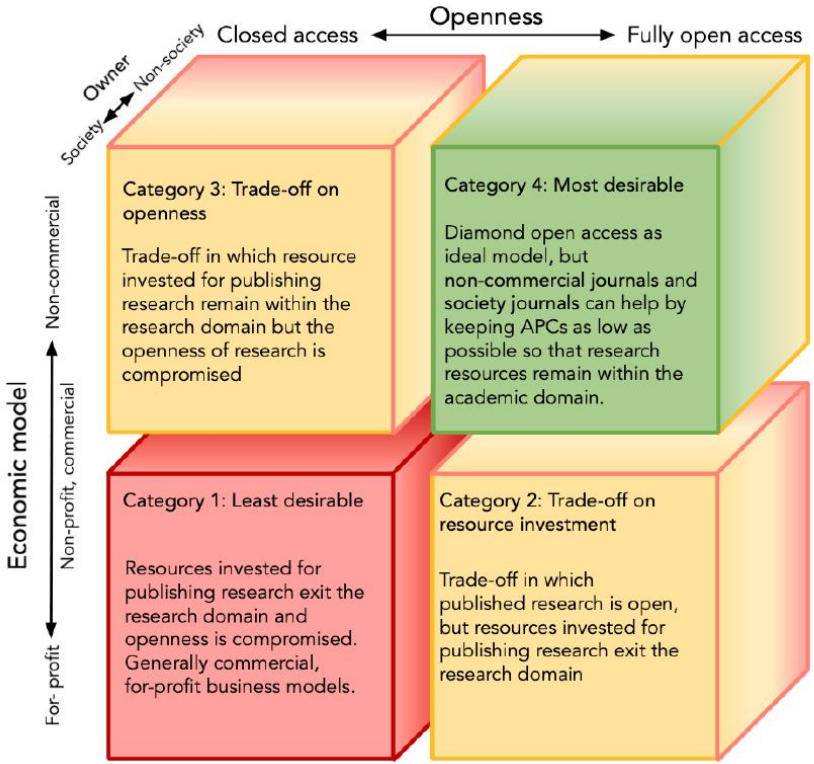

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Why not publish ethically?

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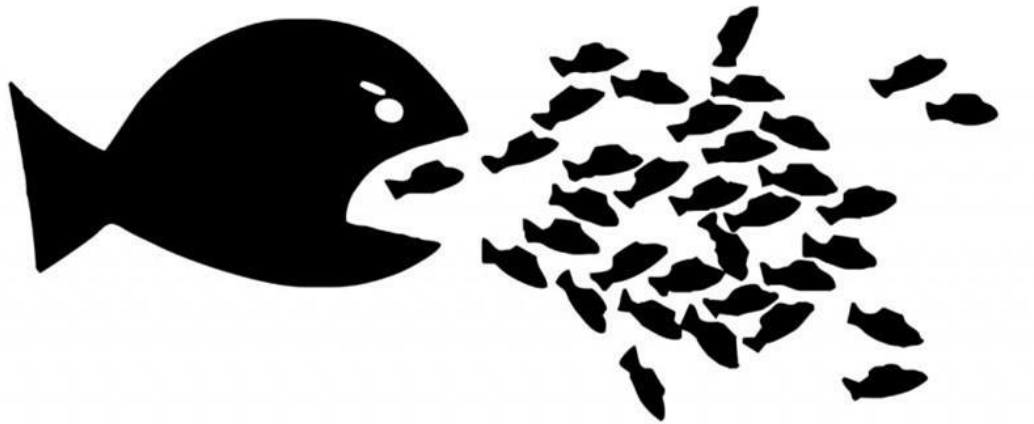

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What roles do you hold in the academic system ?

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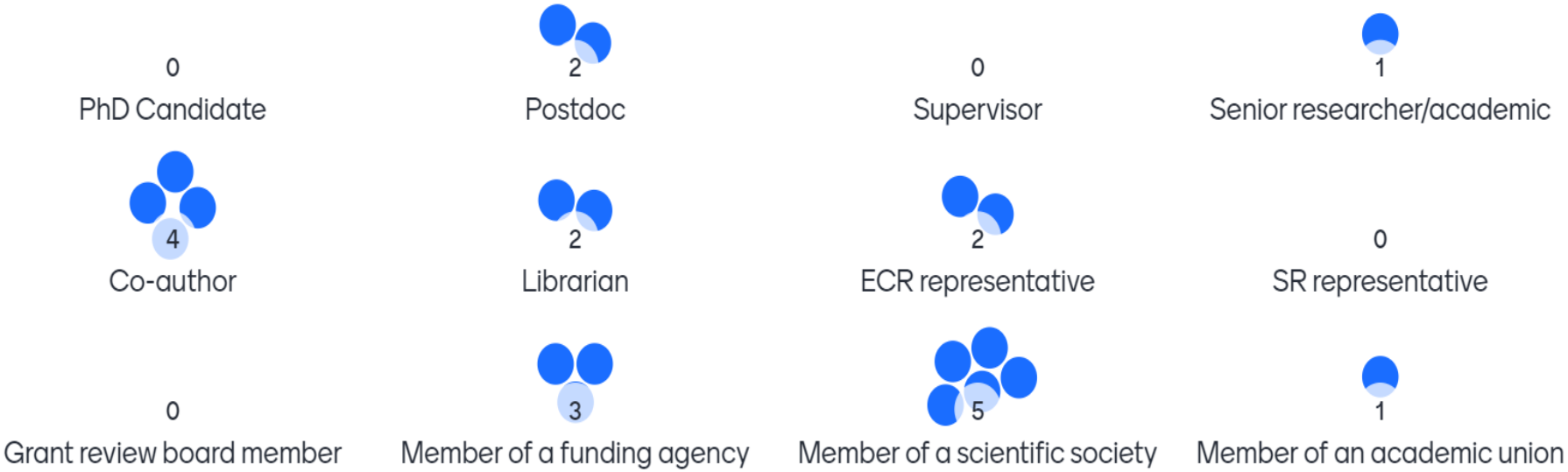

Within those roles, which concrete actions can we undertake?

Which type of institutions still need to be convinced about transitioning to ethical publishing?

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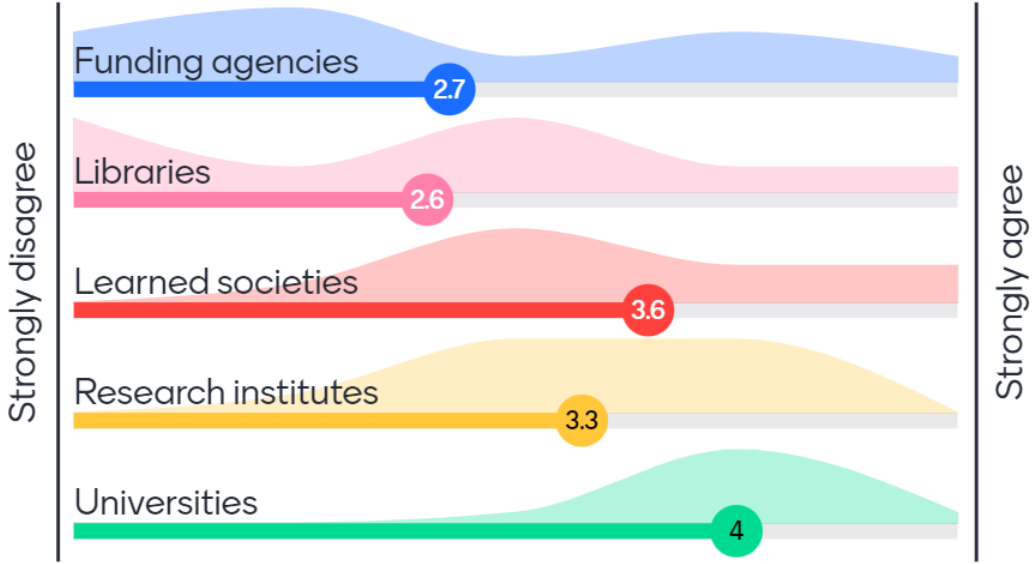

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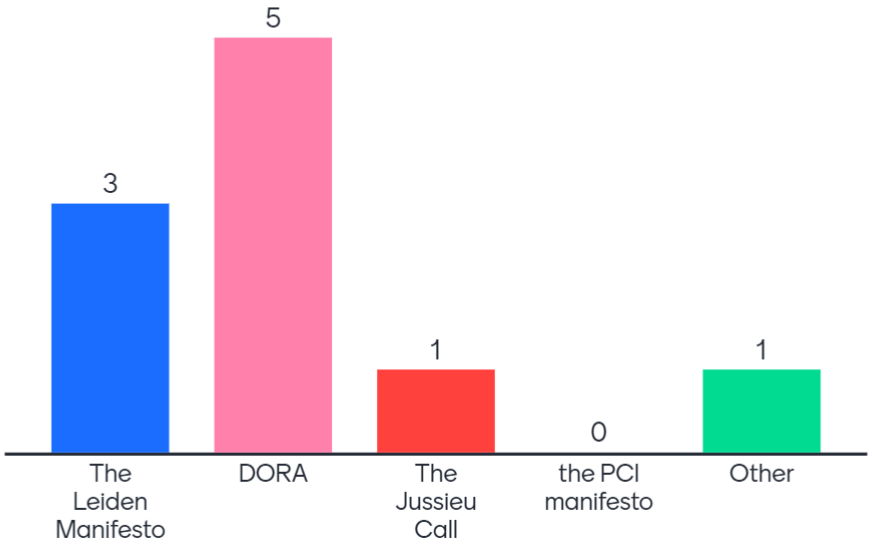

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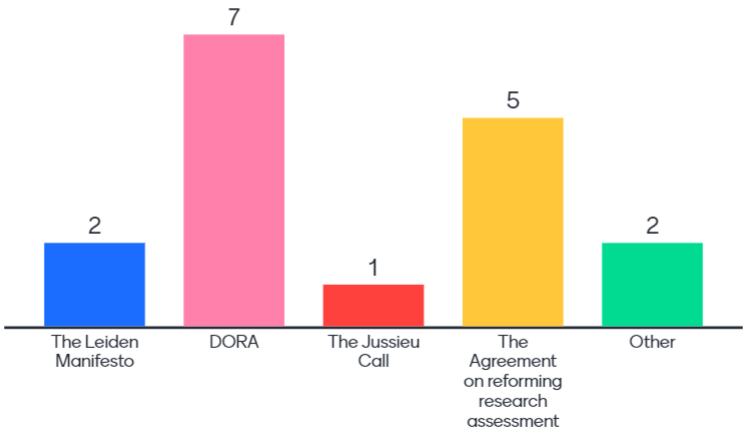

Peer review - do you agree with these practices?

Sharing my response to a recent review request from Nature Neuroscience.

I cannot, however, review for *Nature Neuroscience* any longer due to the enormous open-access APC fee that was recently announced (https://group.springernature.com/cn/group/media/press-releases/springer-nature-announces-gold-oa-options-for-nature-journals/18614608). The $11,528 (by today's exchange rate) is significantly above the average APC of the biggest for-profit publishers, which has been estimated at being around $2,660 (https://undark.org/2021/01/14/big-science-publisher-is-going-open-access/). '$11,528' is not just a large number. It is one semester of a graduate student stipend, most of an fMRI study, funds for 4 graduate students to attend the Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting. These charges take away money (often from government grants) that would otherwise be spent in those ways.

The 'Editorial Assessment Charge' piloted in 6 other Nature journals is also a worrying development. Charging more than $2,000 upon submission is not only excessive, but adds barriers where none should exist.

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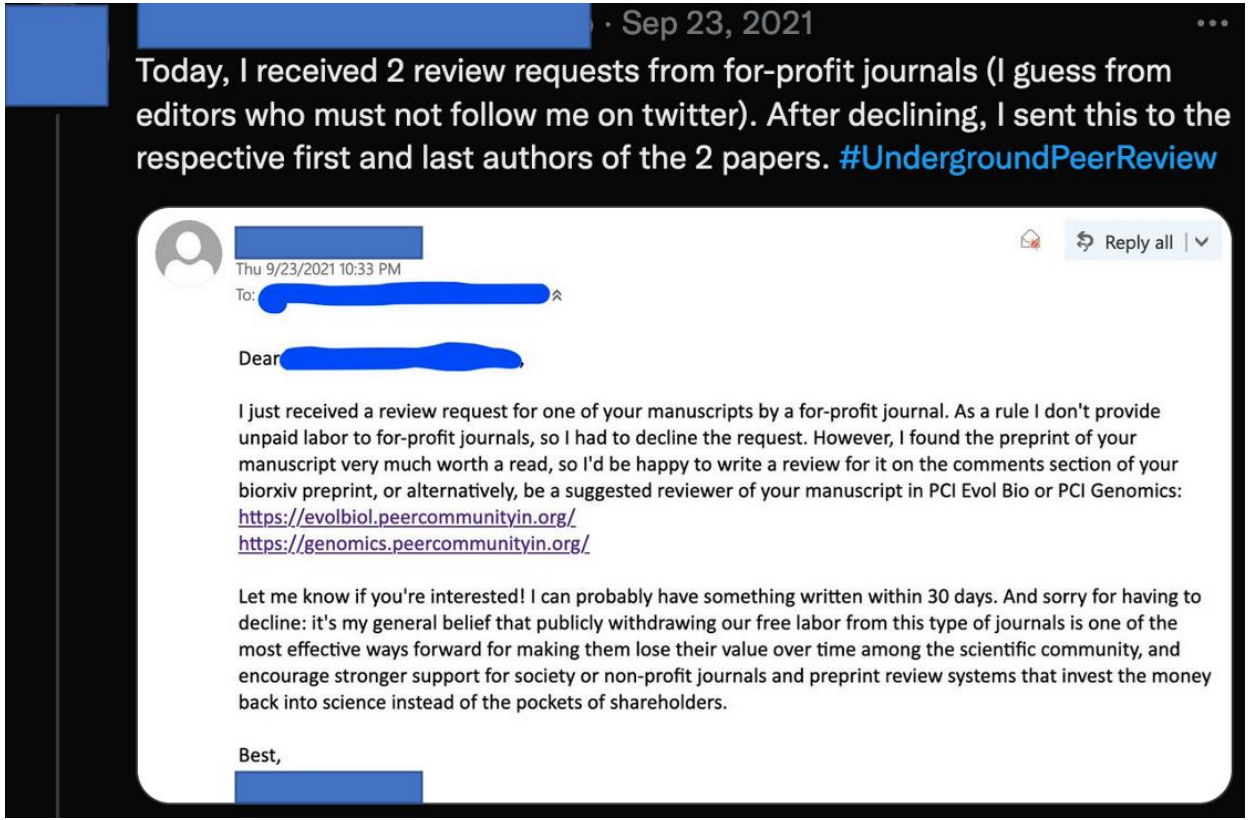

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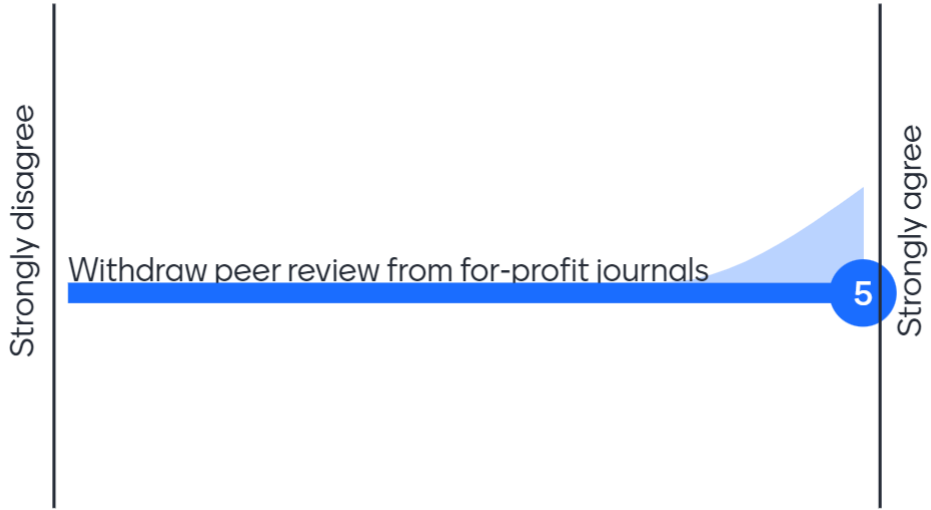

Learned societies - how to transition? Which obstacles - which added value?

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Lack of resources and collective support structures

when financed with subscriptions (for printed issues) - how to stimulate subscriptions for open access?

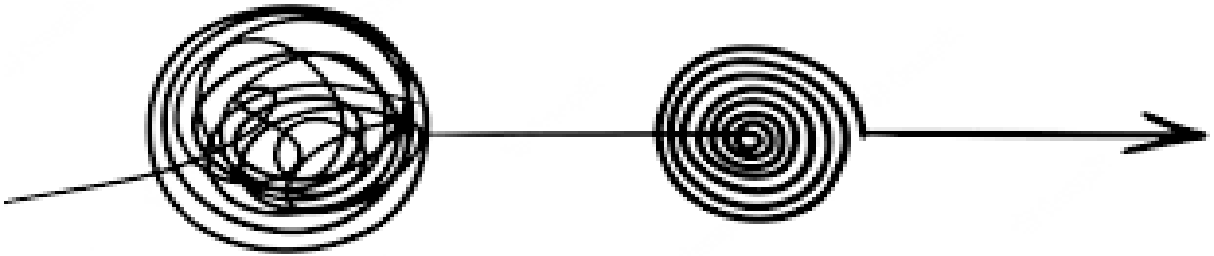
added value: best value for their members (what are learned societies for if not to serve the needs of their community?)

Transactional costs can be high, disportiinate to scale eg. they could work collectively with things like OA switchboard

obstacles: current publishing profitsadded value: use their members to review and curate the literature

Choices of publishing venue: where do you stand?

A complex shift by individual and collective practices' alignment



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