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Media Release

Karger Publishers Expands Open Access Options with More Subscribe to Open Journals

The **Subscribe to Open (S2O)** pilot program will be extended by adding two more journals in 2025. It is one of the **Open Access** models that highlights Karger's 'Open for Open' approach.

For a third year, Karger Publishers will continue its S2O program by adding two more journals with promise to accelerate toward **Open Access (OA)**, *European Addiction Research* and *Neurodegenerative Diseases*, in 2025. By adding these two journals, Karger is offering OA content to more fields and communities where free and immediate online availability of research, independently of APCs or funding, is beneficial to scientific and societal progress.

While many journals in **Psychiatry/Psychology** and **Neurology/Neuroscience** have transitioned to OA through the **Gold (APC)** model, Karger has chosen a subscriber-based approach to uphold immediate OA. This decision minimizes inconvenience for authors and subscribers, emphasizing Karger's commitment to making its high-quality research broadly accessible to the global scientific community while ensuring the journal's financial stability.

Subscribe to Open refers to a publishing model in which a journal may become OA by reaching a certain number of subscriptions. In the program's first year, the 2023 volumes for the journals *Developmental Neuroscience* and *Pediatric Neurosurgery* met their subscription targets for OA, while in 2024, only one of the journals did. In the S2O model, a journal may change between hybrid – that is, subscription-based with a paid option to publish any paper as OA – and full **Open Access**.

"We are thrilled that *Developmental Neuroscience* has remained **Open Access** for a second year and that we can expand our pilot next year with two more journals added to the program," states **Beth Bayley, Open Science Manager** at Karger Publishers. "We

are committed to exploring [Subscribe to Open](#) as a way to provide more OA options to author and reader communities.”

S2O is a relatively new publishing model that supports authors with all the benefits of OA, including high visibility for their work and a solution to meet all OA mandates, without cost to the authors. The expansion of the S2O pilot shows Karger’s continued commitment to offering OA options to authors wherever possible. Recognizing that there is currently no ‘one-size-fits-all’ route to OA, Karger takes an “Open for Open” approach, and continues to seek ways to publish more Open Access in a way that is sustainable for all stakeholders.

For more information, please visit [Subscribe to Open | Karger Publishers](#).

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