

Agreement for Online Subscription and Publication Services

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(hereinafter referred to as "**Licensor**" or "**Karger**")

and

Universitat de Barcelona, Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585-08007, Barcelona, Spain
(hereinafter referred to as "**Licensee**").

S. Karger and Universitat de Barcelona are hereinafter collectively referred to as "the Parties".

Preamble

WHEREAS the Licensor desires to grant the Licensee and its Authorized Users the non-exclusive rights to access the Licensed Materials and to use the content in accordance with the Terms & Conditions for the Use of Karger Online Publications by Institutional Users (section A - Institutional License).

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A. Institutional License

1. Definitions

Where the context implies, words importing the singular number shall include the plural and vice versa. For the purpose of the present Agreement, and solely for this purpose, the terms set forth hereinafter shall be defined as follows:

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- 1.2. "Campus-Activated Subscriber Access (CASA)"** shall mean the Licensor's participation in Google's CASA Initiative, which enables the Authorized User off-campus access to collections subscribed by the Licensee;
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- 1.4. "Course Packs"** shall mean a collection or compilation of materials, e.g. book chapters or journal articles assembled by an Authorized User for internal use for the purposes of instruction;
- 1.5. "Electronic Reserve"** shall mean electronic copies of materials, e.g. book chapters, journal articles made and stored on the Secure Network by the Licensee for exclusively internal educational use in connection with specific courses of instruction offered by the Licensee to its Authorized Users;
- 1.6. "Fee"** shall mean the payment made by the Licensee to the Licensor for the

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- 1.7. "Google Subscriber Links"** shall mean a Google program that provides an Authorized User with a direct link to the HTML or PDF of an article from Google Scholar's search results pages when this content is available online via the Licensee's site license;
- 1.8. "Licensed Materials"** shall mean the electronic version of the Licensor's journal articles and/or book chapters, journals and/or books or packages and collections thereof as purchased and/or subscribed to by the Licensee. Licensed Materials are mainly delivered in PDF and in HTML full-text format. In particular cases the Licensed Materials might be likewise available in other formats. Licensed Materials shall be directly accessible through IP identification and in some cases via User ID/password or email domain identification; in case of a subscription the Materials may from time to time be amended by mutual agreement of the Parties;
- 1.9. "Secure Network"** shall mean a network, whether a standalone network or a virtual network within the Internet, which is accessible only to an Authorized User approved by the Licensee, and whose identity is authenticated at the time of log-in and periodically thereafter consistent with current best practice, and whose conduct is subject to regulation by the Licensee;
- 1.10. "Server"** shall mean either the Licensor's server or a third-party server designated by the Licensor on which the Licensed Materials are mounted and may be accessed;
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2. Grant

Subject to this Agreement, the Licensor hereby grants to the Licensee the non-exclusive and non-transferable right to give an Authorized User access to the Licensed Materials via a Secure Network, subject to payment of the Fee.

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- d. use reasonable endeavors to make the Licensed Materials available to the Licensee and its Authorized Users on a twenty-four-hour basis, save for routine maintenance and to restore access to the Licensed Materials as soon as possible in the event of an interruption or suspension of the service.

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- d. issue passwords or other access information only to Authorized Users and ensure that Authorized Users do not divulge their passwords or other access information

- to any third party;
- e. keep full and up-to-date records of all Authorized Users and their access details, and
 - f. if appropriate provide the Licensor with periodic lists of additions, deletions or other alterations to such records as are necessary to enable the Licensor to provide Authorized Users with access to the Licensed Materials as set forth in the present Agreement; provide the Licensor, reasonably promptly after signing a purchase agreement, with information sufficient to enable the Licensor to provide access to the Licensed Materials in accordance with its obligation under clause 7.1 b). Should the Licensee make any significant change to such information, it will notify the Licensor not less than fourteen (14) days before the change takes effect.

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- 11.2.** Both Parties acknowledge the complexities around the emerging artificial intelligence technologies and mutually agree to monitor new developments regarding their usage in combination with the usage of the Licensed Materials. Both Parties commit to support each other in developing policies and protocols for both parties' benefit.

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- 12.2.** Licensor understands and acknowledges that Licensee is obligated to comply with the applicable accessibility laws. The Licensor shall ensure that product maintenance and upgrades are implemented in a manner that does not compromise product accessibility.
- 12.3.** Licensor shall provide Licensee with a current, accurate completed Voluntary Product Accessibility Template (VPAT) to demonstrate compliance with relevant accessibility standards.

12.4. Nothing in this Agreement shall limit the Licensee or any end user from making lawful, non-infringing uses to facilitate access to the Licensed Materials by users who have disabilities.

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13.1. Effective Date

This Agreement shall be effective from January 1st, 2026, and shall survive the termination of any purchase contract and remain in force until further notice. Licensor may yearly amend or supplement this Agreement. Unless the Licensee expressly objects to the present Agreement in writing, the revised version will become effective as of the new subscription period.

13.2. Individual subscriptions

If the Licensee has signed an individual subscription contract in written form, changes will become effective after the Licensee's acceptance in writing only. Without the Licensee's acceptance the Terms & Conditions originally agreed between the Parties shall remain in force.

13.3. Licensor's right to withdraw

The Licensor reserves the right to withdraw the Licensee's access to the Licensed Materials in the event of a systematic breach of the present Agreement by an Authorized User (as specified in 6.1 and 6.2). Moreover, the Licensor reserves the right to withdraw the Licensee's access to the Licensed Materials if the Licensee becomes unable to pay its debts or enters into compulsory or voluntary liquidation.

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Each party (the "**Recipient**") undertakes to keep all confidential information obtained from the other party (the "**Disclosing Party**") in the strictest confidence and, subject to the other provisions of this clause, not to disclose such information to any third party without the prior consent of the Disclosing Party. The provisions of this clause shall not prevent the Recipient from disclosing any information that was properly in the possession of the Recipient (with full right to disclose) prior to receiving it from the Disclosing Party; or is or subsequently comes into the public domain other than by breach of this Agreement; or was independently developed by the Recipient; or was received from a third party which had properly obtained the confidential information and was free to divulge it.

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For further information about the Licensor's Privacy Policy, including the applicable data processing agreement under the present license (which shall apply under the present license by reference), please visit www.karger.com/Info/PrivacyPolicy.

16. Warranty and liability

16.1. Third party rights

The Licensor warrants that the Licensed Materials do not violate any third-party rights. In case third parties allege any claims, the Licensor shall at its option either defend the Licensee against the claims or satisfy them. This warranty shall survive the termination of any purchase agreement; however, it shall not apply if the Licensee has modified the Licensed Materials in any way not permitted by the present Agreement.

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The Licensor shall not be liable for any delay, downtime, transmission error, software or equipment incompatibilities, force majeure or other failures of performance. The Licensor will make commercially reasonable efforts to correct any material performance problem brought to its attention by the Licensee.

16.4. Party default

Neither party shall be liable in any way for failure or delay in performing its obligations under the present Agreement if the failure or delay is due to causes outside the reasonable control of the party in default.

16.5. Special, incidental or consequential damages

Neither party shall be liable to the other for any special, incidental or consequential damages (including, without limitation, lost profits and loss of goodwill) arising from any breach of the present Agreement, even if advised of the possibility of such damages.

17. Miscellaneous

17.1. No assignment

The present Agreement may not be assigned or transferred to any third party, nor may either party subcontract any of its obligations without the prior written consent of the other party, which consent shall not unreasonably be withheld.

17.2. Force majeure

Neither party's delay or failure to perform any provision of the present Agreement, as result of circumstances beyond its control including, without limitation, war, strikes, floods, governmental restrictions, power, telecommunications or Internet failures, or damage to or destruction of any network facilities shall be deemed to be, or to give rise to, a breach of the present Agreement.

17.3. Party waivers

Either party's waiver, or failure to require performance by the other, of any provision of the present Agreement will not affect its full right to require such performance at any subsequent time, or be taken or held to be a waiver of the provision itself.

17.4. Severability

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

17.5. Governing law and jurisdiction

The present Agreement shall be governed by and construed according to the laws of Switzerland and the Parties agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the Courts of Basel, Switzerland.

17.6. Point of contact

Enquiries concerning the present Agreement shall be addressed to Karger Front Office via email to service@karger.com.

B. Publication Rights

1. Definitions

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- 1.2. "Corresponding Author"** shall mean the Licensor's main contact in connection with a submitted manuscript. The Corresponding Author might be listed as a single author or in addition to contributing co-authors in the manuscript;
- 1.3. "Eligible Authors"** shall mean either an individual employed for teaching and / or research purposes by the Licensee, or a student enrolled at the Licensee, who is also Corresponding Author and entitled to publish their manuscript in one of the Licensor's Eligible Journals set out in this Agreement;
- 1.4. "Eligible Journals"** shall mean all Licensor's Open Access and Hybrid Journals (subject to change by Licensor), with the exception of the journals in Licensor's Partner Publication Portfolio and the Karger Kompass Series (marked with * in Schedule 2). In case of titles being added to Karger's journal program (whether new or taken over from another publisher), Licensor reserves the right to further exclude these titles from the list of "Eligible Journals";
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Schedule 1: Business Terms and Fees

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2026	EUR 67'694

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Schedule 2: Licensed Materials and Access

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Complementary Medicine Research	2504-2106	www.karger.com/CMR
Cytogenetic and Genome Research	1424-859X	www.karger.com/CGR
Dementia and Geriatric Cognitive Disorders	1421-9824	www.karger.com/DEM
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Developmental Neuroscience - Subscribe2Open	1421-9859	www.karger.com/DNE
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Digestive Diseases	1421-9875	www.karger.com/DDI
Digestive Surgery	1421-9883	www.karger.com/DSU
European Addiction Research - Subscribe2Open	1421-9891	www.karger.com/EAR
European Neurology	1421-9913	www.karger.com/ENE
Fetal Diagnosis and Therapy	1421-9964	www.karger.com/FDT
Folia Phoniatica et Logopaedica	1421-9972	www.karger.com/FPL
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