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Telethon’s Open Access Policy , effective as of 1 September 2017.

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In particular, Telethon has chosen Europe PubMed Central (Europe PMC), a European version of the Open Access database for biomedical scientific publications (PMC), as the archive of scientific publications funded through Telethon grants.

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2.2 Authors who CANNOT sustain the OA fee must, at the time of submitting the article, still choose the option that involves the shorter embargo. In this regard, we recommended they consider alternative journals when submitting the manuscript.

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