



# Springer Nature continues open research drive with acquisition of protocols.io

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The Springer Nature logo, with "SPRINGER" in blue and "NATURE" in red, both in a bold, sans-serif font.

Springer Nature, the world's leading publisher of protocols, has announced the acquisition of protocols.io, a platform for creating and sharing reproducible methods.

Scientific advancement depends on data credibility and workable elements of research, including data, methods and materials, and protocols.io enables reproducibility and therefore builds trust in science. Scientific publishing of negative results leads to unnecessary duplication and could waste resources.

By laying out detailed step-by-step instructions for research methods, the accuracy of results and enabling research to be reproduced, protocols have a vital role to play in addressing this. With protocols.io offering, researchers will now have the option to make their protocols openly available on the protocols.io platform alongside their journal publications (searchable via the Springer Nature Experiments).

Commenting, Harsh Jegadeesan, Chief Publishing Officer Springer Nature, said:

"Springer Nature's commitment to open research shines through with our leadership in open access in all aspects of publishing. With protocols.io on board, we're driving forward an open, more reproducible research ecosystem that accelerates scientific discovery."

Founded in 2012 protocols.io has gained a trusted reputation as an innovator within the protocols and methods space, extending beyond the boundaries of traditional protocols and methods workflows. Alongside its offering for hosting protocols, researchers also benefit from the platform, supporting greater collaboration and enabling more efficient, and effective, workflows.

protocols.io will form part of Springer Nature's expanding Solutions business which is committed to providing researchers with the tools and services designed to bolster their success, enhance their impact, and boost productivity.

Lenny Teytelman, CEO and co-founder of protocols.io, added:

"Springer Nature has a long history of innovation and leadership in the area of promoting protocol-sharing and reciprocal collaboration. Our partnership with Springer Nature underscored a strong alignment and a common vision between our companies in our commitment towards open research and further innovation in protocol sharing. We are very proud to be joining Springer Nature in the protocols space, but also now collaboratively building on ways in which we can bring high quality methods to the forefront of research through revision, optimization, and reuse. We are excited to expand our offering as part of a global publisher and to continue to ensure that research can benefit further from access to dynamic and interactive protocols."

In 2022 Springer Nature published over 154,000 OA articles, with nearly 6000 protocols, and supported over 2.5m commitment to open research can be [read here](#) and in its latest [annual progress report](#).

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