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Open research at Cambridge University Press

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This mission complements the goals of the open research movement, which seeks to unlock the potential in academic research, using open tools to drive collaboration and improve accessibility, efficiency and impact.

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- Regular communications to authors across the publishing journey, flagging their eligibility to publish OA under a Read and Publish agreement at key decision points
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The author experience

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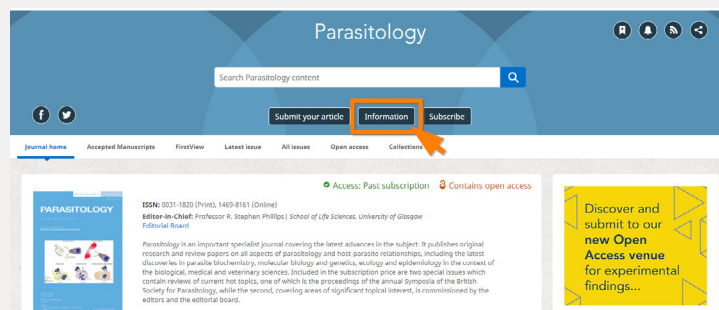
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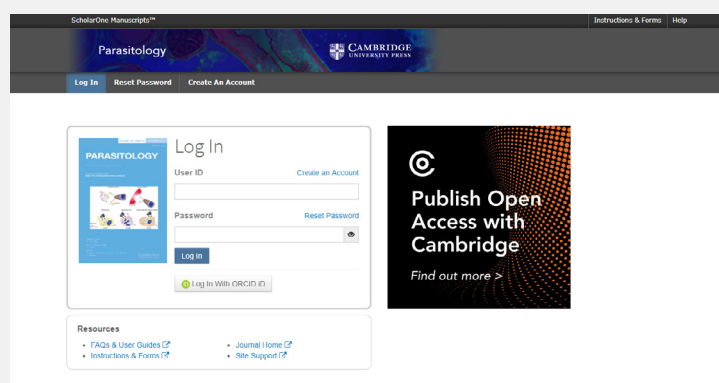


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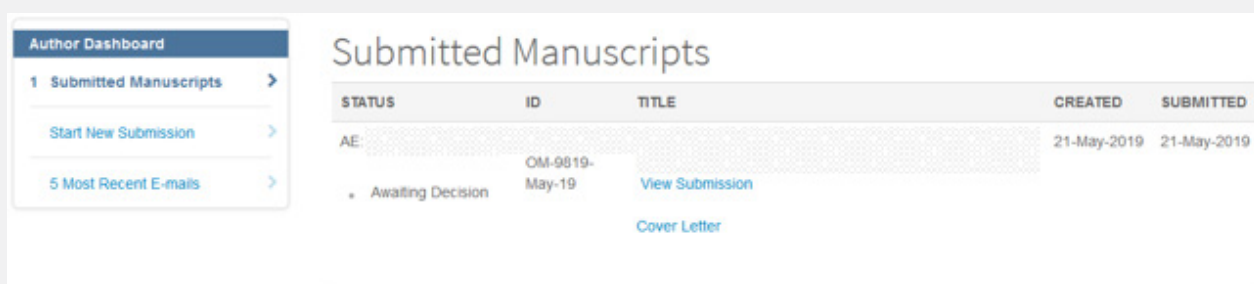
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Manuscript review

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Manuscript decision

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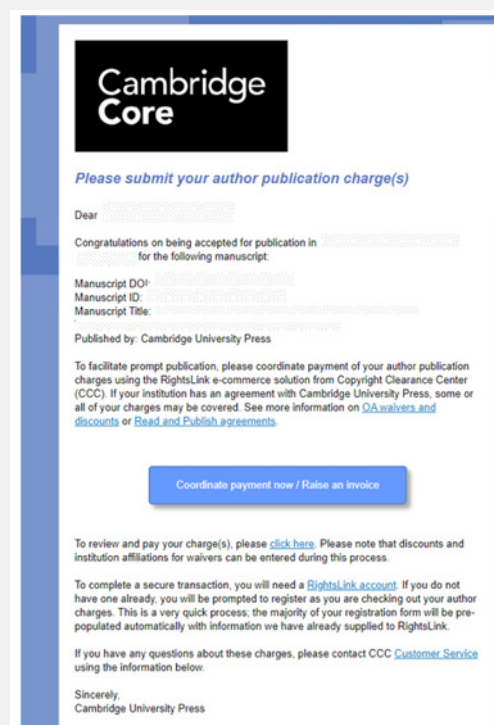
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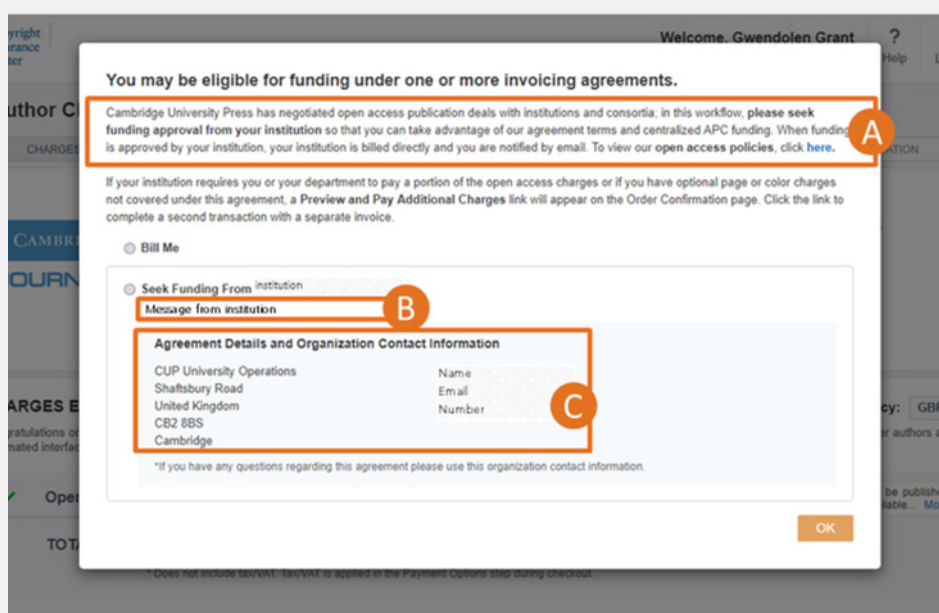
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