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The Fair Open Access Alliance (FOAA) is pleased to present its *Breakdown of Publication Services and Fees*. A few years ago, FOAA invited several publishers and platforms in a consortium to formulate [a response to the ORE call](#). Members of that group continued to meet informally to discuss the future of academic publishing in Fair Open Access. Specifically, discussions between FOAA and these individual publishers centered on identifying a set of service baskets that could group the various service components provided by an academic publisher, in the context of the price transparency requirement set forth by Plan S.

Based on conversations with these publishers, FOAA developed the following breakdown:

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Service baskets	Components	Specify	%	Price
1. Journal operations	- Journal support and submission system - Platform development and maintenance - Helpdesk & other support staff	In/out house		
2. Publication	- Triaging - Organization peer review - Other Editorial assistance - Indexing - Archiving	- Typesetting - Copy-editing - Language editing - Proofreading	Rejection rate	
3. Fees	- Scientific editors fees - Scholarly societies fees		Agreements	
4. Communication	- Dissemination - PR & marketing	- Community support - Advocacy		
5. General	- Management & administration - Other business costs - Taxes	Can be allocated elsewhere since it is not a service		
6. Surplus		- Can be allocated elsewhere - Cross-subsidizing of titles?		
7. Discounts & waivers		Policy		
Total publication fee per article (Average for: i. all journals of a publisher, ii. one journal, iii. a subset of journals)				
Rules: - Baskets 1-7 represent the minimum information required. - These can be extended to a maximum of 10 baskets as publishers see fit for their operations. - For Baskets 1, 2 and 5, several components must be specified, though 5 can be allocated elsewhere. - Components can be joined together or extended.				

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