Frequently Asked Questions: Neurology® Open Access

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What is the hybrid model?
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What is the payment for?
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What article types may be made open access (OA) in journals in the hybrid model?
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Are the peer review and production processes the same for open access (OA) articles?
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