

KAUST Library

Transformative Agreements

2019 - 2021



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King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST) advances science and technology through distinctive collaborative research integrated with graduate education. Located on the Red Sea coast in Saudi Arabia, KAUST conducts curiosity-driven and goal-oriented research to address global challenges related to food, water, energy, and the environment (kaust.edu.sa).

KAUST is a leading STEM research institution with extensive scholarly publishing output - from 2016 to 2020, KAUST authors published 11,511 articles, 68.5% of them in open access mode (cited from SciVal, reviewed: 8/19/21)

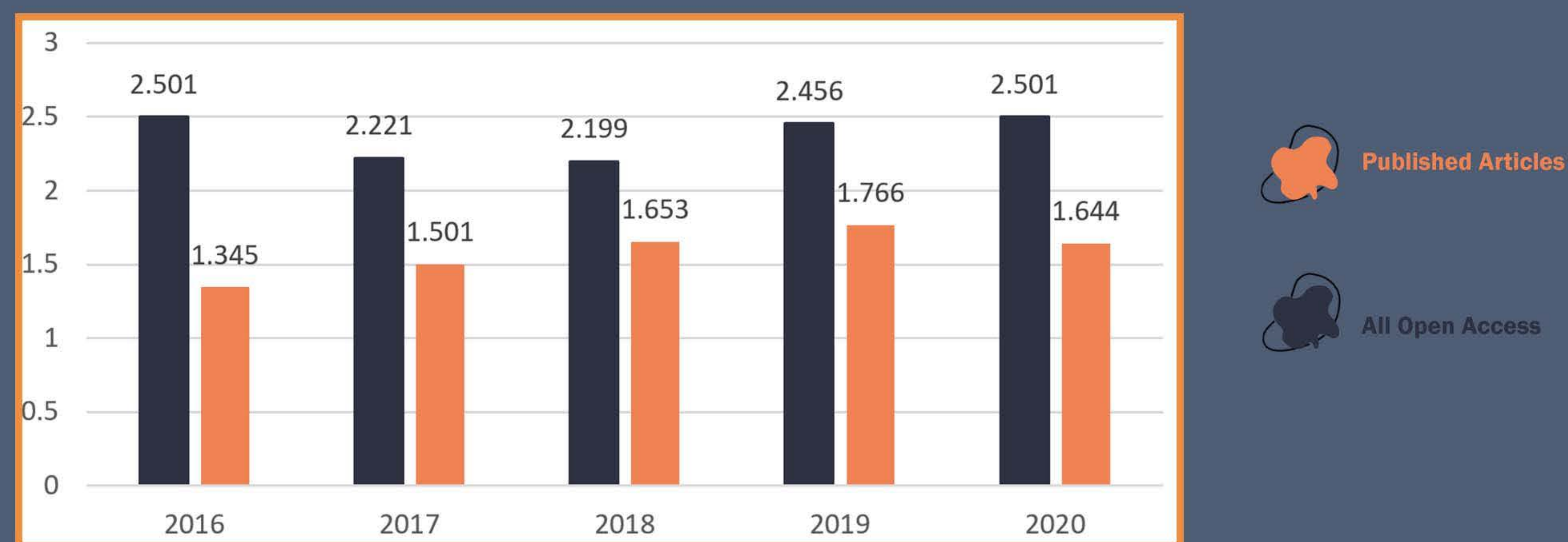
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As a signatory of OA 2020, KAUST Library set the goal to reach 100% open access, and created an initial strategy through 3 routes:

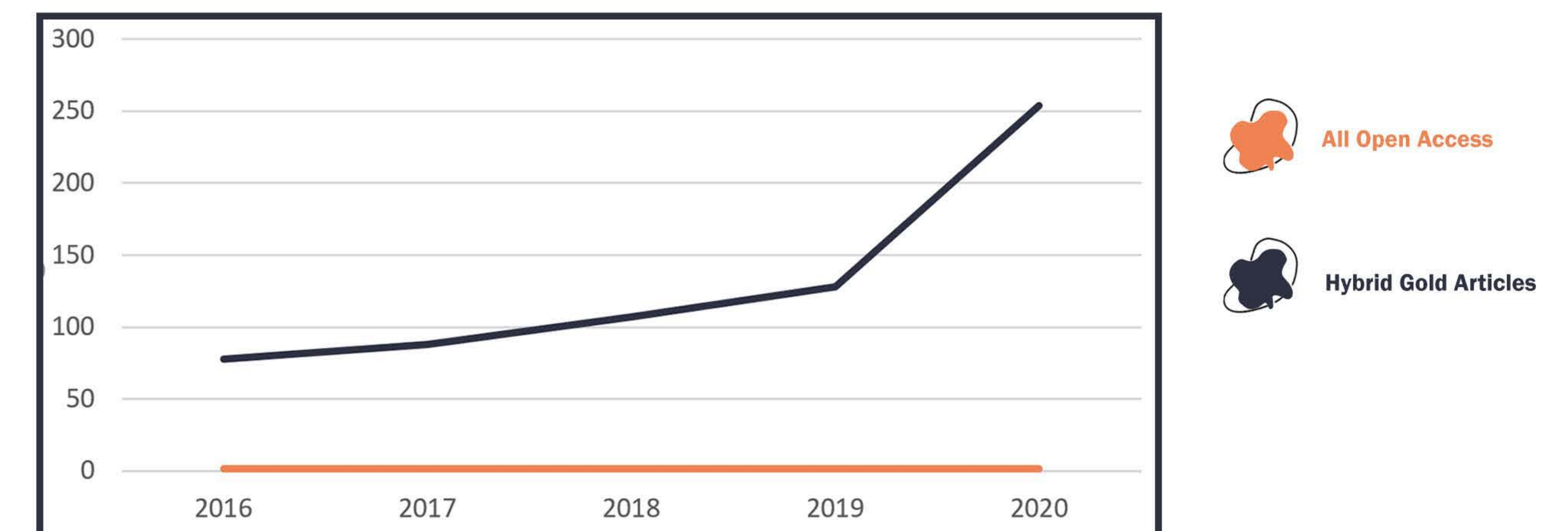
- Green - open research repository.
- Transformative agreements - by transitioning subscription model to open access publishing model with hybrid journals.
- By providing a discount to KAUST authors to publish in fully open access (gold) journals.

In 2019 KAUST Library signed three transformative agreements with STEM publishers, in 2020 the number of agreements increased to 7, and in 2021 to 11 deals. The number of OA articles published under the terms of these agreements has been growing steadily as well the expectations of KAUST authors to have more options to publish open access free of charge.

Published Articles, OA Articles



OA Articles, Hybrid Gold Articles



Challenges

- Creating strategy for transforming BIG Deals we signed.
- Managing different OA Publishing workflows.
- Having reliable numbers for assessment.
- We don't have a Scholarly Librarian position.

Planning for the future

- KAUST strategy for open access publishing as a ground for future deals.
- Involvement of higher instances at the University.

