Introduction
This report supplements the University of Edinburgh’s RCUK Open Access Report 2015, which details the University’s Open Access activities and the expenditure of its £977,118 RCUK Open Access block grant for 2014-15.

This report details the expenditure of the £70,000 Open Access Grant received by The Roslin Institute from RCUK for the financial year 2014-15, and the £52,160.14 carried forward from the 2013-14 grant.

Context
The Roslin Institute undertakes top-class basic and translational science to tackle some of the most pressing issues in animal health and welfare, their implications for human health and for the role of animals in the food chain. The Roslin Institute joined the University of Edinburgh in May 2008 and in 2011 moved to a new £60.6M building on the University’s Easter Bush Campus.

Relationship with University of Edinburgh
Because The Roslin Institute is part of the University of Edinburgh, researchers based at the Institute are eligible to use the University of Edinburgh’s RCUK Open Access Fund.

During the period 1 August 2014 to 31 July 2015, the fund paid for 79 article-processing charges (APCs) on behalf of Roslin Institute-based researchers. These 79 papers are included in the University of Edinburgh report to RCUK in October 2015.

Charging Arrangements
During the financial year 2014-15, the Roslin Institute has had an arrangement with the University of Edinburgh’s Scholarly Communications Team which manages the University of Edinburgh’s various Open Access funds. The Scholarly Communications Team pays the full cost of APCs from the central fund and then charges the Roslin Institute for 100% of this cost, which is reimbursed to the centrally-managed RCUK APC fund. In July 2015, £122,160.14 was transferred from The Roslin Institute grant to the University’s Central RCUK Open Access Fund to cover the cost of papers originating from the Roslin Institute.

Of The Roslin Institute-authored, peer-reviewed articles that acknowledged RCUK funding and were submitted for publication between 1 August 2014 and 31 July 2015 the rate of Open Access is approximately 87% (both green and gold routes).

1 https://www.era.lib.ed.ac.uk/handle/1842/10657