

Frequently Asked Questions Agregagent

General

What is Agregagent?

Agregagent™ is a collection from **ACCUCOMS**, the leading independent provider of services to academic and professional publishers around the world. Agregagent is a combination of the best of both an Aggregator and Agent, and offers libraries and consortia the opportunity to subscribe to online publications from leading independent and nonprofit publishers in one deal. You can pick and choose from subject collections, that contain titles from multiple publishers, to create a package that best fits your needs. The collections vary in subject granularity and go from broad subject areas such as Health Sciences or Physical Sciences to specialist topics such as Oncology, Aerospace Engineering or Languages & Linguistics; there are plenty of options. Agregagent combines a large freedom of choice with the convenience and scale of a big deal.

What is available in Agregagent?

Agregagent offers subscriptions to electronic publications, mostly journals, from a wide range of publishers. Agregagent also lists Open Access titles that these publishers publish; Open Access titles are listed in the collections, but do not add any money to the price indication/quotes.

Is all publisher content included in Agregagent available to me?

Collections in Agregagent can vary per country. Some publishers are available globally, some have excluded specific regions and other have picked only a few territories where they allow ACCUCOMS to include their content in Agregagent. Additionally, not all publications of each publisher are available in Agregagent.

How are the publications classified in terms of subject?

For classification of the titles we use [Scopus®](#) classifications. Publications that are not in Scopus have been categorized in consultation with the publishers.

How are the publications classified in terms of quality?

The quality classification of journals in Agregagent is based on the [Scopus®](#) database. Publications that are not in Scopus have generally been put in the third tier in Agregagent.

Is Agregagent available for consortia?

Yes, consortia can contact their local ACCUCOMS representative for more information.

Is it possible to have a multi-year deal via Agregagent?

Yes, multi-year deals are possible. Please contact your local ACCUCOMS representative for more information.

Collections

What kind of collections are available through Aggregagent?

Aggregagent enables ACCUCOMS to offer a very wide range of collections, from Complete Collections (very broad subjects, such as Health Sciences, Physical Sciences) to Specialist Collections (broad and niche subjects, such as Medicine, Engineering, Oncology, Literature and Literary Theory). You can choose as many (or as few) collections as they want.

What are the ALPSP Collections?

Like 'regular' Aggregagent Collections, ALPSP Collections offer subscriptions to publications from multiple publishers. However, only publishers that are a member of [ALPSP](#), The Association of Learned and Professional Society Publishers, can offer their titles via the ALPSP Collections. In addition to the ALPSP Complete Collection, there is also a range of ALPSP subject collections.

Can I subscribe to individual titles via Aggregagent?

Aggregagent offers subscriptions to titles via fixed collections, it is not possible to pick and choose individual titles from these collections. We have a wide range of collections that can suit your needs.

How many titles are included per collection?

The size of the collection varies per subject and territory. Collections start from five titles. Please contact your ACCUCOMS representative for a customized offer in your country.

Access

Does ACCUCOMS host the journals included in Aggregagent?

ACCUCOMS does not offer any hosting services. Delivery will always be from the publisher's site (or the platform where they host their content).

How can libraries access their subscribed journals?

Access to subscribed titles will be via publisher's websites (or the platform where they host their content), so access will be set up by the publishers. ACCUCOMS will reach out to the publishers involved in your collection to set up access.

Are usage statistics available?

Usage statistics can be retrieved from each publisher's own websites, using standard SUSHI protocols.

Pricing

How does the pricing of the collections work?

Pricing in Aggregagent is based on the list price that is set by the publisher. ACCUCOMS can give discount on these prices. The percentage of discount depends on the quality and field of the title; high impact publications are discounted less than publications that are cited less often.

Subscriptions

Once we subscribe to a collection, will new titles be added to our subscription?

If new titles are added to the collections in Aggregagent, you will have two options: you can continue the same titles that you already subscribe, or you can opt to add the new titles to your subscription. ACCUCOMS will not force you to subscribe to any additional titles after you have started subscribing a certain package.

Rights and Licenses

Will there be perpetual access rights?

ACCUCOMS applies the rules that individual publishers use in their licenses. This will mostly mean perpetual access to subscribed content.

Do publishers grant access to prior years of content?

ACCUCOMS applies the rules that individual publishers use in their licenses. It varies per publisher and per title how many prior years of content access is granted to with a current subscription (if applicable).

Is there an embargo period?

Via Aggregagent you subscribe to current content, so this means that there is no embargo period.

Is there a single license?

ACCUCOMS has set up a license that all participating publishers have agreed to use for subscriptions via Aggregagent. This means that you will need to sign only one license agreement that covers all the publications in your Aggregagent collection.

Payments/Financial

How does payment work?

Institutions will receive one single invoice from ACCUCOMS, and ACCUCOMS will handle payment to the publishers that are included in the purchased collections.

Subscription agents/Local Vendors

ACCUCOMS has the facility to invoice libraries and remit funds to publishers directly. However, where libraries have existing relationships with local subscription agents, these arrangements can also be accommodated.

Customer Service

ACCUCOMS will act as liaison between the publishers in the agreement and the customer. Customer service will be provided via aggregagent@accuoms.com.

Is your question not answered? Ask us via aggregagent@accuoms.com or contact your **local sales representative**.