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2. The article must have been accepted for publication from 3 January 2022 onwards
3. The journal title must be one of: **PLOS ONE, PLOS Genetics, PLOS Pathogens, PLOS Computational Biology, PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases and PLOS Digital Health**

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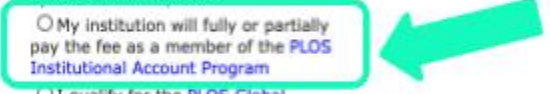
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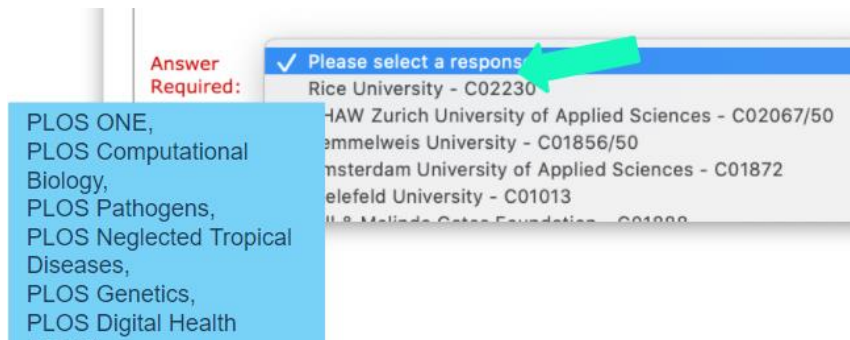
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