DOAJ received the report from the BTAA LEAG gladly. DOAJ has been aware for some time that its site falls short in terms of accessibility. Over the past 3 years DOAJ has received requests from users to be shown the accessibility statement and it isn't something that we yet have. With a constantly expanding audience, the need for us to become compliant is all the more pressing.

The timing of the report couldn't have been better. The DOAJ Team is in the middle of overhauling and updating its website and the report comes at exactly the time in the project when we can work on fixes for some of these issues right away. We will need some time to go through each of the points raised with our tech partners. We will submit a status update to this response when we have started to fix the issues raised in the report.

In the meantime, DOAJ is grateful for the work which BTAA have put into generating this report and applaud the initiative for its effectiveness in encouraging and helping organisations to become more aware of accessibility standards.

## December 3, 2020 Update:

Further to our last response, I am delighted to say that, after a 12-month project where DOAJ was redesigned, using <u>accessibility as a cornerstone</u>, that the new site is finally live. The work that the BTAA did to review the old DOAJ site contributed to the improvements and changes that we made. As part of our launch procedure, we performed accessibility tests on all our pages using Lighthouse and our scores for Accessibility came back at 100%. This is a huge improvement and I'd like to once again thank the BTAA for their contribution to this work.