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## **Nature Publishing Group to partner with the Japan Antibiotics Research Association**

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) and the Japan Antibiotics Research Association (JARA) today announce their intention to form a publishing partnership for the *Journal of Antibiotics*. As part of this agreement the journal will undergo a redesign including a new-look cover, website and articles.

Tokyo-based NPG Publishing Director David Swinbanks said, "The *Journal of Antibiotics* represents an exciting addition to the program of partnerships between NPG Nature Asia-Pacific and key scientific and clinical organizations across the Asia-Pacific region. Alongside the upcoming launch of *Nature Chemistry*, this partnership marks another step in NPG's continuing commitment to publish high-quality chemistry."

"We are delighted to be forming this new partnership with one of the world's premier scientific publishers," the President of the JARA Dr Jingoro Shimada said in Tokyo; "we look forward to furthering our international renown with NPG."

The *Journal of Antibiotics* is an international journal devoted to research on bioactive microbial products, founded in 1947. This new partnership with NPG builds on the journal's existing good reputation, and will extend its global reach. NPG has a proud history of publishing ground-breaking microbial and pharmacological research in its flagship journal *Nature*, as well as in a number of highly respected journals such as *Nature Biotechnology*, *Nature Chemical Biology*, *Nature Reviews Drug Discovery*, *Nature Reviews Microbiology* and *Nature Medicine*.

This partnership is the latest in a series of partnerships that NPG Nature Asia-Pacific is undertaking with scientific and clinical societies in this region (see link below for more information).

The *Journal of Antibiotics* will be able to take advantage of NPG's strengths: editorial expertise, pioneering technologies, innovative formats and world-class production to provide premium information for scientific researchers in the public and private sectors, government agencies and educators.

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### **About JARA**

The Japan Antibiotics Research Association (JARA) was established in 1946. The aim of the Association is to encourage research in, and spread knowledge of, microbiology, biochemistry, chemistry and pharmacology, with a particular emphasis on antibiotics and microbial products. Further information is available in Japanese at [www.antibiotics.or.jp/](http://www.antibiotics.or.jp/).

### **About NPG and NPG Nature Asia-Pacific**

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