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NPG biomedical journals available in INASP partner countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) and INASP (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications) today announce that they will provide free access to more than 65 NPG journals for a number of developing world countries.

NPG will make its biomedical collection of journals available to over 20 INASP partner countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America through INASP's Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information (PERI). The high impact journals in this collection include NPG's flagship journal *Nature*, the *Nature Clinical Practice* series, the *Nature* research journals and *Nature Reviews* journals in the life sciences and medicine, and more than 40 journals published by NPG on behalf of societies.

Through PERI, INASP cooperates with publishers in the developed world to facilitate access to their publications within developing and emerging countries. INASP takes a holistic approach to enhancing worldwide access to information and PERI is complemented by programmes at all stages of the communication cycle including library development, and working with local editors and researchers.

"The impact of the possibilities afforded by digital libraries for researchers in developing countries continues to grow," comments Lucy Browse, Head of Information Delivery at INASP. "We are very pleased to be able to include NPG amongst the publishers who support sustainable access to their journals, e-books and databases within our partner and network countries through PERI. The response to the announcement from our in-country coordination teams has been very positive."

"NPG has long been a supporter of INASP and we are delighted to be able to expand our relationship in this way," comments David Hoole, Head of Content Licensing at NPG. "Making our biomedical journals available to these developing countries fits with NPG's commitment to serve the scientific and medical communities around the world. This extension of our relationship with INASP complements our relationships with HINARI, AGORA and OARE to provide access for developing countries to the information we publish."

Details of the NPG journals included, eligible countries and further information are available on INASP's website at:
www.inasp.info/file/738/nature-publishing-group-npg.html.
Eligible institutions can register for access to NPG journals through the INASP website.

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About INASP

INASP (International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications) is a development charity that has been working to enhance worldwide access to information since 1992. Its vision is that all people are able to access and contribute information, ideas and knowledge necessary for sustainable and equitable development. More information about INASP is available from: www.inasp.info

INASP undertakes a variety of programmes in response to locally identified needs and requests. Capacity strengthening and sustainability are central to all their activities. Access is complemented by an extensive library development training programme, which includes Bandwidth Management and Optimisation. INASP takes a holistic approach to research communication so, working with local editors, publishing support and dissemination of national research is being undertaken through the growing Journals Online (JOL) programme. AuthorAID has been designed to help researchers in partner countries effectively communicate and publish their research.

As part of the Programme for the Enhancement of Research Information (PERI) INASP work with publishers and networks of libraries to enable access to scholarly information using ICTs within the developing and emerging countries. For more information on this programme, see: www.inasp.info/file/105/access-to-journals-and-research-content.html

About NPG

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) is a division of Macmillan Publishers Ltd, dedicated to serving the academic, professional scientific and medical communities. NPG's flagship title, *Nature*, was first published in 1869. Other publications include *Nature* research journals, *Nature Reviews*, *Nature Clinical Practice* and a range of prestigious academic journals including society-owned publications. NPG also provides news content through *Nature News*. Scientific career information and free job postings are offered on *Naturejobs*.

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