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Open Access journal *Human Genome Variation* to launch in 2014

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Nature Publishing Group and the Japan Society of Human Genetics (JSHG) today announce the 2014 launch of *Human Genome Variation*. The online open access journal, a sister title to the *Journal of Human Genetics*, will go live on nature.com in 2014, and will begin accepting submissions early next year. A journal information site is now live at nature.com/hgv.

Led by Editor-in Chief Katsushi Tokunaga, *Human Genome Variation* will publish original research articles, summaries, reviews and data reports. "Human Genome Variation will provide a forum for scientists working in human genetics, variation and mutation to publish their discoveries, results, analysis and insights. We are delighted to be extending our partnership with the Japan Society of Human Genetics to offer an open access home for research on such an important topic," said Dr Dugald McGlashan, Publisher of NPG's Asia-Pacific Academic Journals.

Professor Tokunaga, of the JSHG, said: "We are delighted to launch *Human Genome Variation* with Nature Publishing Group, as a sister journal to the *Journal of Human Genetics*. The journal will serve the community of human genetics researchers, including clinical geneticists. It will provide a place to publish reports of newly discovered human disease causative mutations, as well as quality articles and reviews in various topics of human genetics studies. We are especially excited about a database to be developed as part of this journal, collecting new mutations information and presented with different search options."

Published research articles will be freely accessible online to a global audience immediately on publication. An article-processing charge (APC) is levied on acceptance, and authors are offered a choice of Creative Commons Licenses, including the Creative Commons Attribution (BY) license.

Human Genome Variation is the 6th journal to be published by NPG in collaboration with partners in Japan, and 16th in the Asia-Pacific region. Its sister title, *The Journal of Human Genetics*, is the leading genetics journal based in the Asia-Pacific region. NPG has published *The Journal of Human Genetics*, which publishes high quality research in human genetics, including medical genetics and genomics, on behalf of the JSHG since 2009. All 63 NPG academic, society and partner publications have introduced open access options or are open access journals.

Established in 1956, the JSHG is a broad-based society whose membership includes clinical and research human geneticists, cytogeneticists and genetic counsellors. It is heavily involved in education and provides authoritative guidelines on key issues in human genetics in Japan.

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