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### **JAAM to partner on open access Nature Partner Journal, *npj Aging and Mechanisms of Disease***

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Nature Publishing Group (NPG) and the Japanese Society of Anti-Aging Medicine (JAAM) today announce the 2015 launch of *npj Aging and Mechanisms of Disease*. The online open access journal will go live on nature.com in Q1 2015, and will begin accepting submissions in September 2014.

*npj Aging and Mechanisms of Disease* is the fourth journal to be announced in the Nature Partner Journal portfolio, and the first with a society partner in Japan. The Nature Partner Journals bring Nature's reputation for impact and excellence to open access and publishing partnerships. The portfolio of journals are characterized by landmark partnerships with institutions, foundations and academic societies.

*npj Aging and Mechanisms of Disease* will consider original research reviews and articles from all relevant disciplines: mechanistic understanding of, and intervention to, the aging process in humans, age-associated diseases, epidemiology of age-associated pathophysiology, and longevity. The new journal will also have an emphasis on emerging age-related medicine—stem cells, circadian rhythms and metabolism—with clinical and translational insights into applications to humans.

The editorial team will be led by Editor in Chief Kazuo Tsubota, Professor and Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology, Keio University School of Medicine in Tokyo.

"Aging is of keen interest to JAAM due to the rapidly aging Japanese population," said Professor Kazuo Tsubota, Editor in Chief of *npj Aging and Mechanisms of Disease*. "Japan is known as having one of the highest proportions of elderly citizens in the population as well as having the longest longevity rate in the world. Our journal aims to focus on the hard science aspect of aging to accommodate this trend. Of course, the societal demand for aging and rejuvenation research is not only limited to Japan. Aging is bound to be a hot topic for many years to come"

"*npj Aging and Mechanisms of Disease* is a multidisciplinary journal that will provide a forum for the world's most important research in the field of aging and disease," said Dr Antoine Bocquet, Director of NPG Nature Asia Pacific. "We are delighted to partner with the Japanese Society of Anti-Aging Medicine and publish original research reviews and articles in this important field of research".

"NPG is dedicated to both publishing the world's leading research and to furthering open science," says Martin Delahunty, Global Head of Partnership Journals, Open Research, NPG.

"The Nature Partner Journal portfolio enables us to share with our partners our strengths as a publisher of high-impact scientific research, and to increase the open access options we can make available to researchers."

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The Japanese Society of Anti-Aging Medicine (JAAM) was initially founded as the Academy of Anti-Aging Medicine Japan in 2001. It was then reorganized as JAAM in April 2003, and incorporated as a limited liability intermediate corporation in July 2006. With a membership of more than 8,000 individuals covering a wide and diverse range of basic research and clinical specialties, JAAM has grown into one of the largest academic societies dedicated to the advancement of anti-aging medicine in Japan.

Anti-aging medicine deals with the biological process of aging. It aims to prevent diseases, including lifestyle-related diseases;

to control factors that promote the occurrence of disease and to promote and prolong a healthy life span. JAAM pursues the practice of anti-aging medicine that is scientifically evidence-based.

The mission of JAAM is three-fold: to advance Anti-Aging Medicine, a basic element of healthcare in the 21st century, to accumulate and analyze aging- and anti-aging-related data, and to appropriately approve practice on the basis of scientific evidence.

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