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Nature Publishing Group builds on success in China with new open access journal

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Nature Publishing Group has cemented its partnership with the Shanghai Institute for Biological Sciences (SIBS) by renewing the contract for *Cell Research* for a second time and by launching a new open access journal, *Cell Discovery*. *Cell Discovery* will be China's first broad-spectrum life science open access journal.

Nature Publishing Group has published *Cell Research*, a journal by the Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences (SIBS) and the Chinese Society for *Cell Biology*, for eight years. SIBS is affiliated to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), and is a national R&D organization for conducting comprehensive studies on life sciences in China.

The journal has seen phenomenal success in its ten years, increasing its Thomson Reuters Impact Factor from 3.426 to 11.981 between 2006 and 2013, making it the leading life science journal of the entire Asia-Pacific area. In light of this success, NPG and SIBS are launching *Cell Discovery*, an open access journal for all areas of molecular and cell biology.

Annette Thomas, CEO of Macmillan Science and Education (NPG's parent company) said: "It is one of NPG's strategic goals to introduce China's best scientific research to the world while assisting the country in publishing world-class research journals.

"The renewed partnership with SIBS and the agreement to co-publish *Cell Discovery*, a new open access journal fully indicate such a strategy is fruitful and that our co-publishing initiative continues to go from strength to strength. The launch of *Cell Discovery* represents our confidence in our future partnership and is aligned with our long-term strategy to push forward OA publishing with all of our efforts."

Cell Discovery will be **[open for submissions from December 2014](#)**. It will publish results of significance and originality in all areas of molecular & cell biology, including (but not limited to) cell growth and differentiation, signal transduction, apoptosis, stem cells, development, immunology, neurosciences, plant cell biology, chromatin modulation, epigenetics and transcription.

The editorial team of *Cell Discovery* is led by Professors Gang Pei and Dangsheng Li, who also head *Cell Research*. A highly respected international Editorial Board will be working with the editorial team of *Cell Discovery* and with NPG to develop the journal into a highly visible platform and journal of choice for scientists all around the world.

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About Cell Research

Cell Research received its first impact factor in 2001, and its IF was around 2 from 2001 to 2005. The journal entered a rapid developing phase since 2006, as indicated by its IFs of 3.426, 4.217, 4.535, 8.151, 9.417, 8.190, 10.526, and 11.981 for the year of 2006 to 2013. It is currently the top life science journal in the entire Asia-Pacific area and also has joined the group of premium international journals in the field. Cell Research remains committed to innovative publishing and service to academic communities.

About Nature Publishing Group (NPG)

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