

## “Open” the science

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“It is the spring of hope, it is the winter of despair.” While the lasting pandemic has put a halt to our lives, the research communities are still fighting to find a decisive solution to COVID-19. Now more than ever, we need science to get back the lives we led. In order to expedite this, we want to help with opening the way for science. Setting our sights on a broad range of targets including the global science frontiers, the main economic battlefield, the significant needs of the country as well as people’s lives and health, we embark on a journey of starting a journal, *National Science Open (NSO)*.

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