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**Prof. Junji Haba**  
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Dear Prof. Haba,

I'm addressing you on the matter of publication of instrumentation-science works of the Japanese community, who has been making important contributions to Detector and Accelerator Physics.

The quality and originality of many works in these fields certainly deserve publication in good international scientific journals. I'm convinced that JINST, our new Journal of Instrumentation, is well suited for this purpose.

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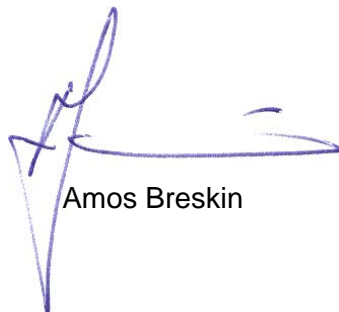
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Given that scientists produce and use the scientific material we are happy to be in the forefront of this important Open Access initiative. Therefore our principal motivation has always been to make high-quality science available to the community at the lowest possible cost.

I thank you in advance for your kind assistance in bringing the JINST message to the **Japanese instrumentation-science community**. I hope your colleagues will find in JINST a "home" for publishing their future works.

With warm regards,

Yours,



Amos Breskin

CC. Prof. Peter Krizan, JINST Assistant Director