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Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation's Online Publishing Platform Further Strengthens Its Efforts To Highlight The Best Of Qatar Research

Doha, Qatar, 16 September 2015: QScience.com, the online publishing platform of Bloomsbury Qatar Foundation Journals' (BQFJ), a collaboration between Qatar Foundation for Education, Science and Community Development (QF) and Bloomsbury Publishing, has reached an agreement with Nature Publishing Group (NPG) to publish four QScience articles every month on Nature.com.

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