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BPS announces support for Antibiotic Action

The British Pharmacological Society (BPS) today announces its support for the [Antibiotic Action](#) petition, a campaign launched by the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy.

Professor Phil Routledge, BPS President, commented: *"Pharmacologists and clinical pharmacologists are at the vanguard of research into medicines and their safe and effective use. BPS supports the Antibiotic Action petition because the campaign not only raises awareness of the importance of using existing antibacterial drugs appropriately, but also calls for global action to promote the discovery and development of new antibacterial drugs as well as new ways to treat bacterial infections. Both approaches will be necessary if we are to contribute to the battle against antibiotic resistance – one of the three greatest threats to human health."*

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Notes to editors

The British Pharmacological Society (BPS) is the primary UK learned society concerned with research into drugs and the way they work. Our members work in academia, industry, regulatory agencies and the health services, and many are medically qualified. The Society covers the whole spectrum of pharmacology, including laboratory, clinical, and toxicological aspects.

Clinical pharmacology is the medical speciality dedicated to promoting safe and effective use of medicines for patient benefit. Many clinical pharmacologists work as consultants in the NHS and many hold prominent positions in UK Universities.