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One publisher dominates high impact publishing: Nature Publishing Group

In last week's Journal Citation Report (Thomson ISI), Nature Publishing Group (NPG) once again emerged as *the* high impact publisher. 12 of the top 30 titles are published by NPG. New titles have leapt to the top of their respective categories, and established titles retained their leading positions. Many of NPG's journals published on behalf of societies have also performed well.

NPG established a lead position in the physical science categories. *Nature Physics*, launched in October 2005, received its first impact factor of 12.04 securing its place as the leading monthly journal in Physics. *Nature Materials*, now with its third impact factor, goes from strength to strength. Its impact factor leapt by 3.25 to 19.19, placing it first in three categories: Materials, Multidisciplinary; Physics, Applied; Chemistry, Physical. *Nature Chemical Biology* also received its first impact factor of 12.41, ranking it in the top five monthly research journals in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Nature Methods has become the leading monthly journal in Biochemical Research Methods with its impact factor soaring from 6.74 to 14.96. NPG's open access journal, *Molecular Systems Biology*, received its first impact factor of 7.94. The seven journals from the *Nature Reviews* series, launched between 2001 and 2003, each rank as the leading monthly review journal in their specified category, significantly ahead of any competing review titles.

The *Nature* journals hold their leading positions across a range of categories. *Nature Genetics* and *Nature Reviews Genetics* hold the first and second positions in the category of Genetics and Heredity. *Nature Medicine* leads in Medicine, Research and Experimental. *Nature Reviews Immunology* and *Nature Immunology* are the top monthly journals in Immunology. *Nature Reviews Neuroscience* and *Nature Neuroscience* lead in the category of Neuroscience. The category of Cell Biology is dominated by *Nature* journals - *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology* (1st), *Nature Medicine* (3rd), *Nature Cell Biology* (5th) and *Nature Structural & Molecular Biology* (13th).

NPG's academic and society journals also excelled with most titles showing an increase in impact. *The Journal of Investigative Dermatology* secured an impact factor of 4.53 and is once again first amongst dermatology journals. *Molecular Psychiatry* ranks second in Psychiatry with an impact factor of 11.8. *Oncogene* and *Leukemia* rank in the top 20 for oncology journals, and *EMBO Journal* and *EMBO reports* also appear in the top 20 for cell biology journals. *Cell Research*'s impact factor has risen to 3.4 making it the highest ranking journal in China and one of the highest in Asia. *Cell Research* is published on behalf of the Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

Nature retains its position as the most cited weekly science journal, with over 390,000 cites, an increase of almost 18,000 on last years count. *Nature* continues to publish more articles than any other multidisciplinary journal.

"We are delighted with NPG's overall success this year which sees the strengthening position of our new journals and the continued performance of our established titles. The authors that choose to publish with NPG are to be thanked for our strong results", says Annette Thomas, Managing Director, NPG. *"NPG's service to societies remains strong, invigorating established*

titles with new content and new technology. We remain committed to high impact, innovative publishing.”

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