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Nature most cited journal with record Impact Factor

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Nature's 2009 Impact Factor is its highest ever (34.480). The journal remains the number one weekly science journal for the third consecutive year, and is the 8th highest ranked of 7347 journals by Impact Factor in the 2009 *Journal Citation Report* (JCR), Science Edition. *Nature* is also the most highly cited journal in the JCR, with 483,039 citations in 2009.

"The Impact Factor is a key measure of a scientific journal's performance, albeit one needing to be used with care, as discussed in our 17 June special on metrics," says Dr Philip Campbell, Editor-in-Chief of *Nature*. "I am proud of the *Nature* team's achievement. I believe that the growth in *Nature*'s Impact Factor reflects the abilities of our editors across the sciences, advised by our referees, to provide high levels of service and judgement on behalf of authors and readers."

Nature Publishing Group's (NPG) flagship journal *Nature* leads a strong portfolio, with 15 journals ranking #1 in their JCR categories. Steven Inchcoombe, Managing Director comments, "At NPG we are committed to serving the needs of scientists and their science. We do this best by selecting and communicating the most important and valuable scientific information to the broadest possible audience. These Impact Factor results reflect our success at doing this and the exceptional authors and referees that we are privileged to work with."

Nature and the Nature research journals reject over 90% of submissions, filtering the most impactful science from the high numbers of submissions these journals receive. High citation levels reflect this commitment to quality, and the work done by in-house editorial teams at every stage to improve the paper.

This year *Nature Geoscience* achieved a first impact factor of 8.108, making it the number 1 journal in the Geosciences category. Thirteen of the Nature research journals saw their Impact Factors go up this year, including significant increases for *Nature Biotechnology* (29.495), *Nature Genetics* (34.284), *Nature Materials* (29.504), and *Nature Nanotechnology* (26.309).

This focus on quality continues with the life science Nature Review journals, which publish reviews written by leading international researchers. Each of the seven journals is the leading monthly review journal in its field by Impact Factor. *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology*, with an Impact Factor of 42.198, is ranked 4 of all 7347 journals in the 2009 JCR.

NPG's academic and society journals also achieved great results this year. Highlights include *Molecular Psychiatry*, which now ranks 1/117 psychiatry journals with an improved Impact Factor of 15.049. *Journal of Investigative Dermatology* remains 1/48 dermatology journals. *Cell Research* continues to improve its Impact Factor year on year, and with a 2009 Impact Factor of 8.151 is the highest ranked journal by Impact Factor in the Asia-Pacific region. NPG has published *Cell Research* since 2006 on behalf of Shanghai Institutes for Biological Sciences, Chinese Academy of Sciences.

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