

# The Anatomy of a Nature Journal

## NATURE RESEARCH JOURNAL VS NATURE REVIEWS JOURNAL

### Presents the most up-to-date and innovative original research

- Original research of the highest quality & impact
- Research is submitted by authors directly
- Editors ensure the work adheres to the highest scientific, ethical and reporting standards
- Committed to improving the rigour and reproducibility of published scientific literature

#### Article

A novel research study of high quality and general interest.

### Original research is summarised and interpreted to create an overview

- Filters & highlights the most impactful research
- Commissioned by the editorial team
- Ideal for readers who need a quick but comprehensive overview of recent developments or a new research area
- Editors, art editors and authors unite to create clear figures
- Manuscripts are scientifically edited to enhance the structure and clarity

#### Review

An accessible, authoritative and balanced overview of a topic or field.

**Analysis**  
Comparative analyses of new or existing data that lead to novel conclusions.

**Technical Report**  
Primary research data on a new, influential technique.

**Resource**  
A large dataset of broad utility, interest and significance.

**Reviews**  
Reviews also appear in Nature Research journals.

**Consensus Statement**  
Comprehensive analysis and recommendations from a group of experts on a scientific or medical issue.

**Technical Review**  
An outline of the scientific and technical challenges and opportunities in a certain field.

**Roadmap**  
A forward-looking outline providing a sense of direction and setting out next steps.

**Primer**  
An authoritative and introductory overview of all aspects of a disease, method or technique.

## COMMON IN BOTH JOURNAL FORMATS

- All editorial decisions are made by a team of full-time professional editors
- Manuscripts go through a rigorous peer review process

#### Research highlight

A summary of important primary research or other advances written by the editors.

#### Perspective

A forum for opinionated discussions of a topic, field and emerging trends, or of ethical, legal and societal issues.

#### Editorial

An article written by editors that expresses the opinion of the journal.

#### Comment

An agenda-setting, authoritative expert opinion article, often calling for action on scientific research or its political, ethical and social issues.

#### News & Views

A commentary that communicates and contextualizes the latest advances in research.

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