

***Nature* journals published majority share of “hottest” research in 2006**

Nature Publishing Group (NPG) was the leading publisher in ScienceWatch’s “Hottest Research of 2005-06” report, released last month. Ten of the forty “hottest” papers listed were published in NPG journals; seven in *Nature*, two in *Nature Immunology* and one in *Nature Genetics*.

Nature was by far the highest cited multidisciplinary journal, with the closest multidisciplinary journal, *Science*, publishing just two of the forty “hottest” papers. Of the top five biology papers listed, four were published in *Nature*, showing *Nature*’s clear authority in this field.

Nature Materials, which launched just five years ago, published both the “hottest” chemistry paper of 2006 and the seventh “hottest” physics paper. This young multidisciplinary journal has already secured an impact factor of 15.941 (ISI, 2005), making it the most highly cited journal in material science and applied physics.

Brought out annually by Thomson ISI, the ScienceWatch report calculates the “hottest” recent research, based on citations received over twelve months. The report looks at the most highly cited research across all disciplines, and also profiles four individual disciplines; biology, chemistry, physics and medicine.

Overall these results highlight the exemplary quality of NPG publications and provide further evidence that *Nature* and its associated journals continue to attract the very best research across all disciplines.

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