

# Guide to nature.com

## The nature.com homepage

This guide provides a quick overview of what you can access from the nature.com homepage, and illustrates some of the tools and services available. If you are searching for information, browsing for related articles, or setting up personal alerts via email or RSS feed, knowing how to navigate your way around nature.com will make your life easier.

The image shows a screenshot of the nature.com homepage with several callout boxes pointing to specific features:

- Clicking on the cover will take you straight to the current issue of Nature**: Points to the 'Nature journal' cover.
- Manage your nature.com account**: Points to the 'My account' link in the top right.
- Search to find the content you need**: Points to the search bar.
- A-Z listing provides links to all journals, services and gateways on nature.com**: Points to the 'Publications A-Z' link.
- View regional portals highlighting science and research from those regions**: Points to the 'Nature.com regions' section.
- Browse Naturejobs for vacancies and career information**: Points to the 'naturejobs.com' link.
- Listen to the weekly Nature Podcast and other NPG journal podcasts**: Points to the 'Podcasts' section.
- Find valuable tools to help in your research, such as Connotea, Protocol Exchange and Nature Network**: Points to the 'Gateways and Databases' section.
- View the list of conferences organized by Nature Conferences and associated partners**: Points to the 'Conferences' section.
- Click here to check out the latest blogs and comments**: Points to the 'Blogs' section.
- Top news stories are regularly updated here**: Points to the '19 March 2012' news section.
- A selection of articles from across the NPG journal portfolio**: Points to the 'Latest research' section.
- Recent press releases can be accessed here**: Points to the 'NPG in the news' section.
- Explore the full portfolio by subject to find the content most relevant to you**: Points to the 'Browse subjects' section.
- Visit other sections of the website via these links**: Points to the footer navigation links.

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## Register for your free nature.com account

To get the best results from nature.com, start by registering your own account. These three simple steps will provide single sign-on across nature.com and is essential if you have a personal subscription.

The image shows a screenshot of the nature.com registration page. The page has a red header with the 'nature.com' logo and a search bar. Below the header, there's a 'Register now!' section with a sub-header 'Registering for a free nature.com account allows you to select access to breaking news stories, new research articles, and more. Your account will allow you to access your online content and manage your subscriptions. Please see our [privacy policy](#).' There are several form fields: 'Name' (First and Last), 'E-mail address' (with a note 'A confirmation email will be sent to this address'), 'Password' (with a 'Password Strength' indicator and '8 character minimum'), 'Confirm password', and 'Terms and conditions' (with a checkbox 'I agree to the terms and conditions (Printable version)'). Below this is a section 'Tell us a bit about yourself...' with a heading 'Help us customize our services to meet your interests.' and several dropdown menus for 'Affiliation/Employer', 'Job Title', 'Industry', 'Area of interest', and 'Specialties'. There's also a section for 'FREE research alerts and special offers via e-mail' with checkboxes for 'Nature', 'Nature News Weekly Alert', 'Scientific Reports Weekly', 'NPG new product information and special offers', 'New product information and special offers from selected suppliers', 'Naturejobs Announcements', and 'Nature Conferences'. A 'More FREE alerts' link is also present. At the bottom, there's a 'Register' button and a footer with links for 'About NPG', 'Privacy policy', 'Legal notice', 'Accessibility statement', 'Terms', 'Naturejobs', 'Nature Asia', and 'Nature Education'. A search bar is also in the footer.

**Complete your personal information**

**Select your preferred e-alerts**

**Expand here to select more subject and discipline specific alerts**

**Registration benefits**

1. Saved searches
2. Free articles and content
3. Free subscription newsletters to your favourite products
4. Table of content journal e-alerts

**Check your details, and when you're ready, click Register!**

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## Searching for the answers?

Finding the right information on nature.com is easy and intuitive. Search boxes appear in the top right corner of all journal pages, with the Advanced Search option delivering more refined results. Nature.com's Save Search functionality allows you to save and re-run search terms, with new results automatically captured and delivered to you.

The screenshot shows the 'nature.com search' page. At the top, there are tabs for 'Site Search' and 'Saved Searches'. Below is a search box for 'Search Term(s)' with a dropdown menu set to 'All words' and a 'Submit' button. A message indicates 'You are currently searching all of nature.com'. There are several filter sections: 'Author(s)', 'Title', 'Volume', 'Issue', 'Start page', 'Published on a specific date' (with Day, Month, Year dropdowns), 'Published between two dates' (with Month, Year, and 'and' dropdowns), and 'Published within the last...' (with an 'Anytime' dropdown). At the bottom, there is a 'Sort by' dropdown set to 'Date - Most Recent' and a 'displaying' dropdown set to '25 results per page'. A 'Submit' button is at the very bottom.

Search by keywords, and refine your search to selected publications

Refine your search further by author, article title, date, etc.

If you know the DOI number of the article you are looking for (the unique identifier) enter it here.

Click Submit

Select **Saved Searches** to view your own list of saved search results. You will need to log in to use this feature.

Choose how you want your results displayed

- by relevance
- by date
- by publication
- by article type
- up to 100 results per page

Your results...

The screenshot shows the search results for 'genetics'. The page is titled 'Hypertension Research' and includes a 'Special Web Focus available online' section. The search results are sorted by 'Date - Most Recent' and display '25 results per page'. A 'Show Context' button is visible. The results list includes:
 

- 1. 13 March 2012: **Odour concentration-dependent olfactory preference change in *C. elegans*** by Takasaki Hirotsu, Kazushi Yoshida, Takamitsu Tagawa, Shigekazu Oda, Tokumitsu Wakabayashi, et al. Nature Communications 3, 739 doi:10.1038/ncomms1750. Includes 'Rights and permissions | Save this link'.
- 2. 6 March 2012: **LIS1-dependent retrograde translocation of excitatory synapses in developing interneuron dendrites OPEN** by Shigo Okabe, Izumi Kawabata, Yutaro Kashiwagi, Kazuki Obashi, Masamichi Ohkura, et al. Nature Communications 3, 722 doi:10.1038/ncomms1736. Includes 'Rights and permissions | Save this link'.

 A 'FILTER BY' section on the left allows filtering by 'Journal(s)' (Nature Communications (210)), 'Article type(s)' (Research (208), Reviews (2)), and 'Publication Date'.

Related nature.com sites that may be useful

Filter results by journal, article type or date

Click on the link to read the abstract or go to the full text article

When logged in to nature.com you will be able to **save your search** to view later, or view your **saved search**

Make your search more specific via the 'advanced search' function

Choose how you want your results displayed

Click show context to view examples of where the search term is found in each result

Save the article link to Connotea

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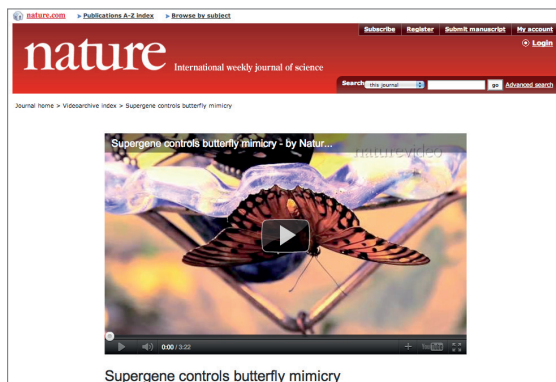
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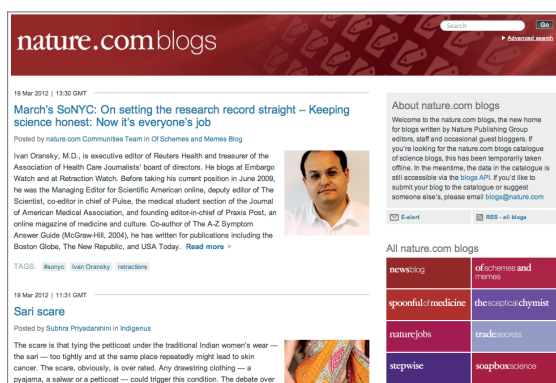
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