

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 screenshot shows the registration page on nature.com. At the top, there is a search bar and a 'Go' button. Below that, the 'nature.com' logo is displayed. The main heading is 'Register now!'. A sub-heading reads: '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 is a location selector showing 'United Kingdom (change)'. A note states '(Fields marked with a * are required.)'. The registration form includes fields for: Name (First and Last), E-mail address (with a note: 'A confirmation email will be sent to this address'), Password (with a strength indicator and '8 character minimum'), Confirm password, and Terms and conditions (with a checkbox for agreement). Below the form 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. A section for 'FREE research alerts and special offers via e-mail' contains several checkboxes for different alert types. A 'More FREE alerts' link is also present. A 'Register' button is located at the bottom right of the form. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Nature Registration' section with links for 'About NPG', 'Contact NPG', 'RSS web feeds', 'Help', 'Privacy policy', 'Legal notice', 'Accessibility statement', 'Terms', 'Naturejobs', 'Nature Asia', and 'Nature Education'. A search bar is also visible at the bottom right.

Complete your personal information

- 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

Select your preferred e-alerts

Expand here to select more subject and discipline specific 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' interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Site Search' and 'Saved Searches'. Below is a search box labeled 'Search Term(s):' with a dropdown menu set to 'All words' and a 'Submit' button. A message states 'You are currently searching all of nature.com'. Below this is a section for selecting specific journals. Further down are fields for 'Author(s):', 'Title:', 'Volume:', 'Issue:', and 'Start page:'. There are also options for 'Published on a specific date' (with Day, Month, and Year dropdowns) and 'Published between two dates' (with Month, Year, and 'and' dropdowns). A 'DOI:' field is also present. 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 page for 'genetics'. At the top, there is a 'nature.com search' header and a 'Save Search | View saved searches' link. Below is a 'Search' box with 'genetics' entered and a 'Search' button. An 'Advanced search' link is also visible. The results section shows 'Results: 1-25 of 210' and 'Sort by Date - Most Recent' and 'Display 25 results per page'. A section titled 'These sites may be of interest to you:' lists several resources. Below this is a 'Show Context' link. The main results list shows two entries: 1. 'Odour concentration-dependent olfactory preference change in C. elegans' (13 March 2012) and 2. 'LIS1-dependent retrograde translocation of excitatory synapses in developing interneuron dendrites OPEN' (6 March 2012). A 'FILTER BY' sidebar on the left includes '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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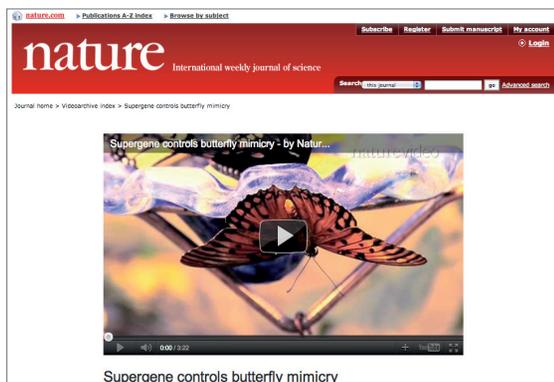
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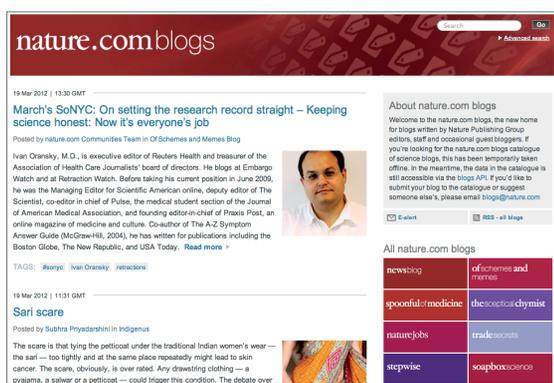
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