A guide to nature.com

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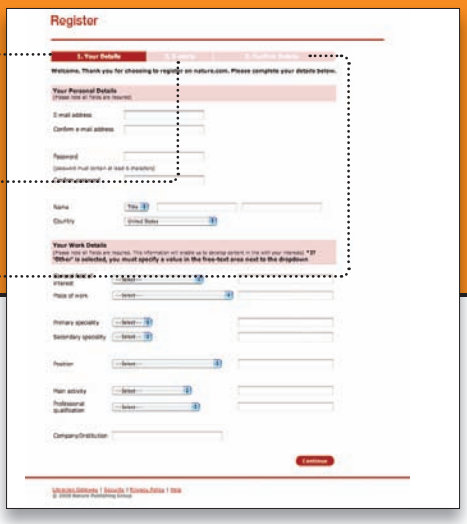

There's no place like home (page)

Actually, the journals on nature.com all follow the same webpage design, so you can quickly feel at home when moving between multiple journals. The journal homepage provides a window for the latest content as it is published online, and navigation through the journals' archived content and online services. Use the links in the left and right navigation bars for easy access.

Read the latest research first — articles are published online ahead of print.

Select *Current issue* for the Table of Contents.

Link to the latest news stories on *Nature News*.

Browse the journal's *Archive* by year and issue.

Supplements and *Web focuses* highlight key topics and are published in addition to regular issues.

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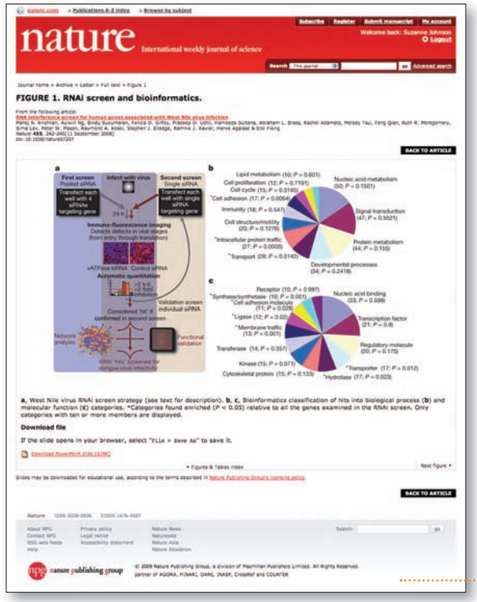


Article type

DOI and useful dates

Article title

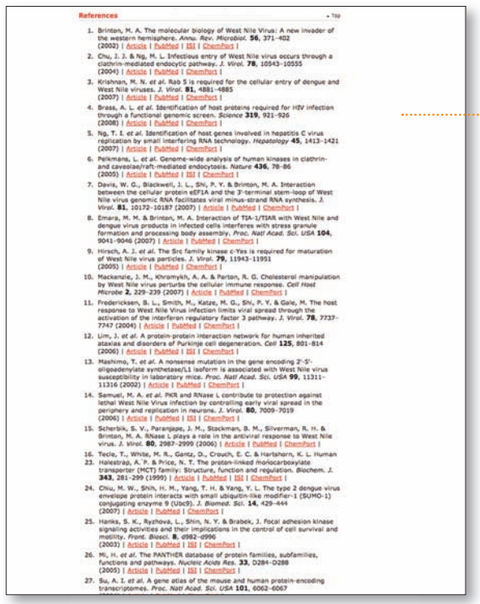
Contributing authors and institutions, including a contact for correspondence.

Articles start with an abstract.

Figures, methods and references are embedded in the article and can be expanded to full size.

References are linked throughout, and listed at the end of the article.

Some articles offer the option to comment and join a discussion, at the end.



Read or print the article in PDF format.

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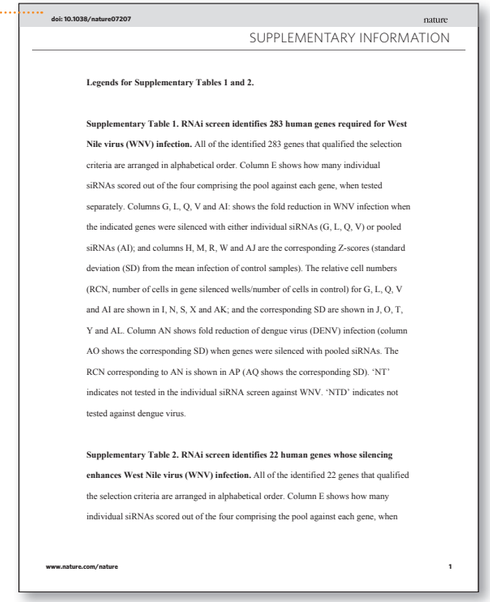


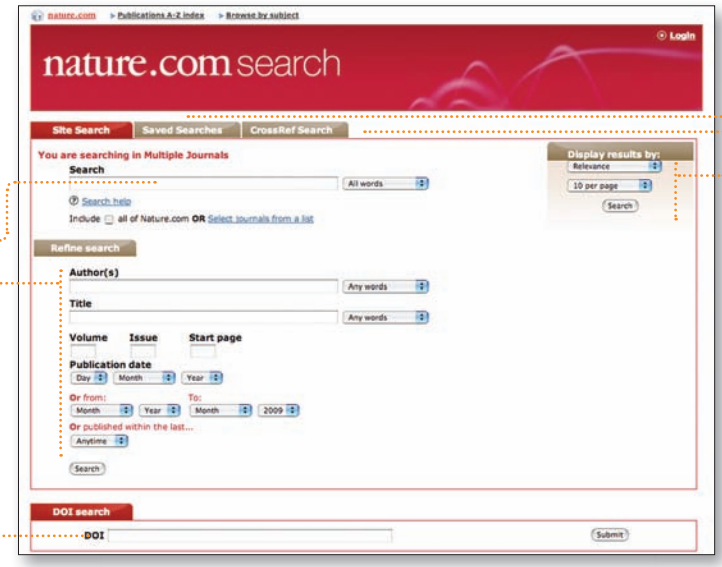
Searching for the answers?

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.

Search by key words, and refine your search to selected publications.

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

Search by DOI (Digital Object Identifier)



Select the tab for *Saved Searches* to view your own list of saved search results. This is explained on the screen shot below.

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Chose how you want to display your results

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

This example search was for 'West Nile', across all NPG journals, with no specific date range.

Select these links to refine your search further or to start over.

Change how you view your results using the drop-down lists.

Select to hide the article's 'summary' and 'context'.

Click on the links to read the abstract or go to the article in full text or PDF version.

If you are likely to search using these terms again, select *Save Search* and the latest articles will be automatically captured for you. You can amend your search terms and view new results at any time or have results emailed to your registered email address.

Refine your search to specific journals or to subject areas.

Go beyond the article

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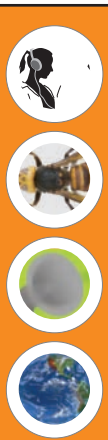

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