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***Nature Communications* and *Scientific Reports* firmly established and growing fast**

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Nature Communications and *Scientific Reports* are now the fastest growing journals published by Nature Publishing Group (NPG). Launched in 2010 and 2011 respectively, both journals reached the milestone of 2000 published papers in June 2013, and their submission and publication rates continue to grow rapidly.

The 2012 Journal Citation Report (JCR)* places *Nature Communications* at #3 and *Scientific Reports* at #8 in the top 10 Multidisciplinary Sciences titles. *Nature* remains #1 in the Multidisciplinary Sciences, with an Impact Factor of 38.597, and is the most cited science journal in the world with 554,745 citations in 2012.

Nature Communications, with over 7000 citations in 2012 and an Impact Factor of 10.015, is now in the top 2 % of all science journals worldwide, according to the 2012 JCR. *Scientific Reports* received its first impact factor this year (2.927) ranking eighth out of 56 journals in the Multidisciplinary Sciences category.

The *Nature Communications* website has had over 4.3m page views in 2013 (January-June), and now receives more submissions per month than *Nature*. The journal has already published more articles in the first six months of 2013 (723 articles) than in the whole of 2012 (702 articles). The first six months of 2013 account for 36% of *Nature Communications*' total output to date, and the journal is projected to publish 1650 articles in 2013. *Nature Communications* offers an open access publication option to authors, and 38% of content published since launch is open access under Creative Commons (CC) licenses.

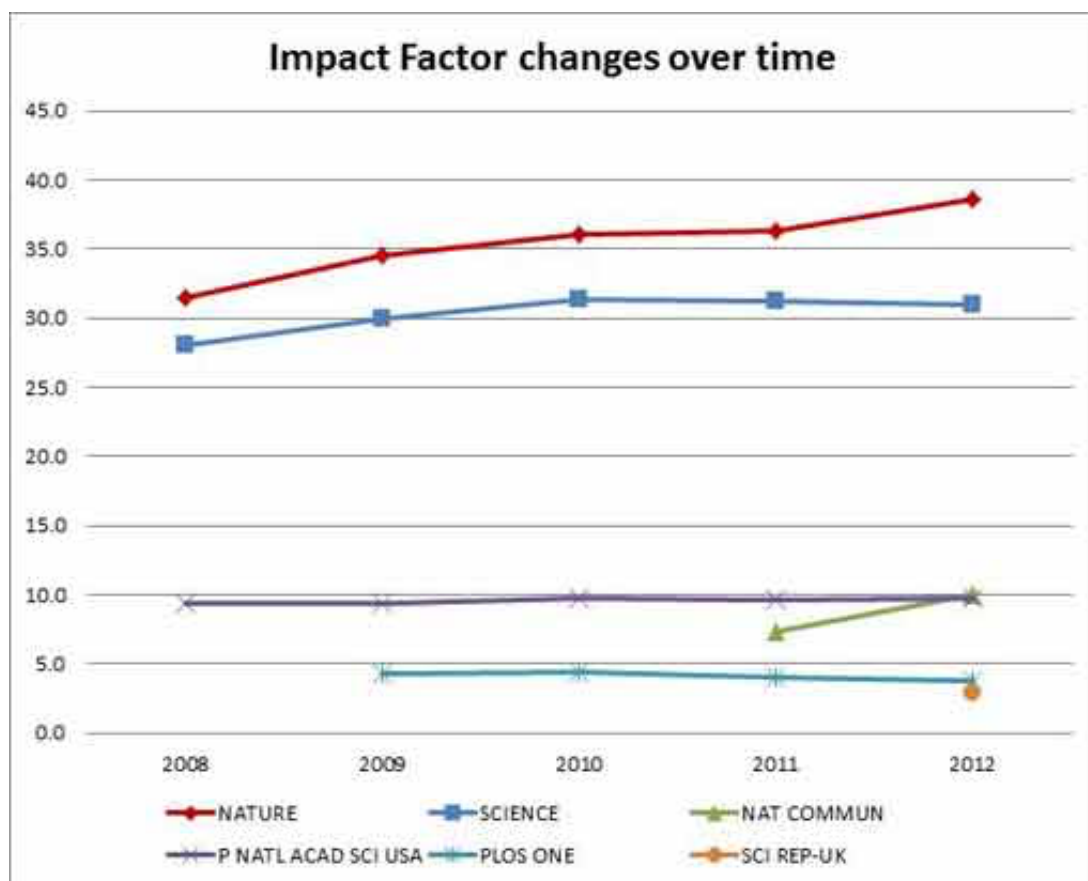
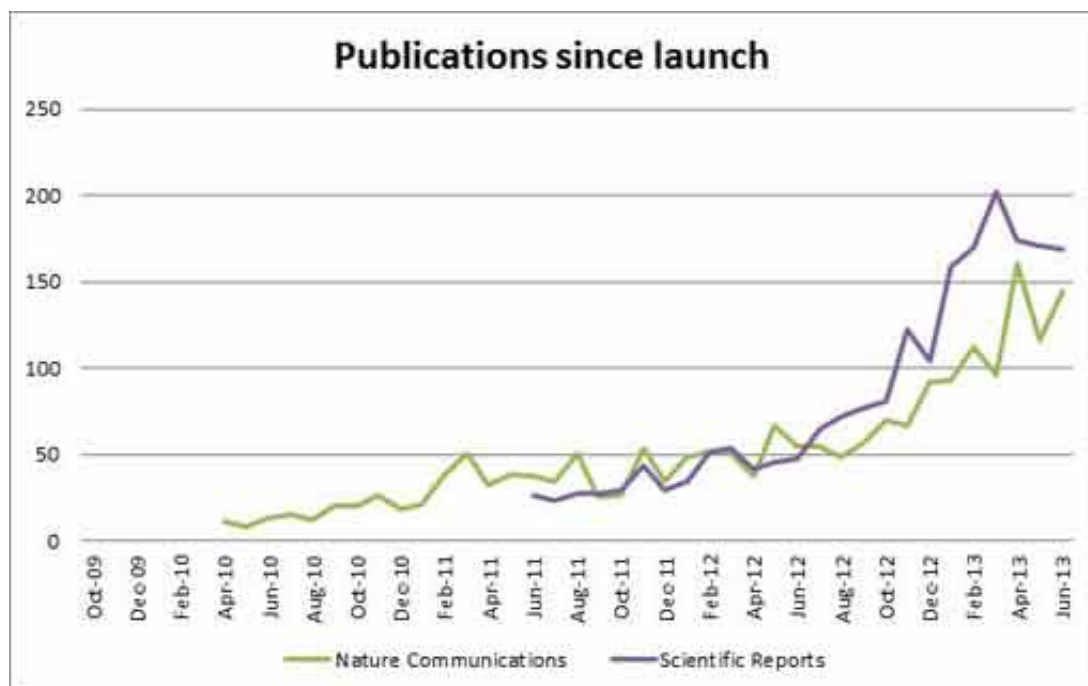
Scientific Reports is NPG's fastest growing journal, and is publishing more content than any other title. More than 1,000 papers have been published in *Scientific Reports* so far in 2013, 50% of the total output since the publication launched in June 2011. All articles in *Scientific Reports* are open access under CC licenses. The *Scientific Reports* website has had 3.5m page views to date in 2013.

Nature Communications is one of nineteen Nature titles in the top 50 journals in the 2012 JCR Science Edition, out of a total of 8411 journals included. This includes *Nature Climate Change*, which received its first impact factor of 14.472, ranking it #1 among all journals in the category of environmental sciences.

A full list of Impact Factor for NPG titles will be available shortly on nature.com

* Data is taken from the 2012 *Journal Citation Report*, Science Edition (Thomson Reuters, 2013.)

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