

Cross-Journal Editorial Team, Nature Journals

The Cross-Journal Editorial Team comprises several highly skilled and motivated editors, who combined have >75 years of editorial experience within the Nature journals. Established in 2016, the team works across the [Nature Reviews portfolio](#), as the need arises, handling content in the life sciences, clinical sciences, physical and social sciences. They also handle all of the Research Briefing articles on Nature-branded research journals.

Team Leader: Katharine Wrighton [ORCID](#)



Katharine Wrighton gained her PhD from King's College London, UK, for research on the p53 tumour suppressor protein. She carried out her postdoctoral research with Dr Xin-Hua Feng at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas, USA, where she was an American Heart

Association Fellow and published several papers on the regulation of TGF β signalling by posttranslational modifications. Katharine joined *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology* as an Associate Editor in 2009, becoming Senior Editor in 2010 and Chief Editor in 2013. During this time she was responsible for the areas of cell signalling, cytoskeletal dynamics, cell adhesion and migration, cell death and autophagy, although she handled content across the broad remit of cell and molecular biology. At the end of 2016 Katharine left *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology* to establish and lead the Cross-Journal Editorial Team and has personally supported more than 19 journals in this role, from the level of writing research highlights to acting as the Chief Editor of *Nature Reviews Disease Primers*. During 2021 Katharine was the editorial lead on the project team that developed the Research Briefing article, which the Cross-Journal Editorial Team now handles for Nature-branded research journals alongside their Nature Reviews work.

Team Manager: Grant Otto [ORCID](#)



Grant Otto gained his BSc and MSc at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, before moving to the USA where he studied for his PhD in Cellular, Molecular and Biophysical Studies at Columbia University, New York, USA

under the leadership of Richard Kessin. He then headed to London where he was a Postdoctoral Scientist, first at Cancer Research UK (with Sharon Tooze), second at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, UK (with Ben Nichols) and finally at Royal Holloway University of London, UK (with Robin Williams). As well as researching his way around several countries, Grant's work involved various model systems, including *Dictyostelium discoideum*, plants, mammalian cells and mice. He published over 15 papers before deciding that he'd like to be on the other side of the editorial process, and joined the Nature Reviews division in September 2016 as the copyeditor for *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology*. Grant joined the Cross-Journal Editorial Team in July 2017 and has provided support to life sciences, physical sciences and clinical journals, including extended support for *Nature Reviews Disease Primers*. Grant was promoted to Team Manager in April 2022.

Team Manager: Claire Ashworth [ORCID](#)



Claire received her MSci in chemistry from Imperial College London, UK. She subsequently completed her PhD studies at Imperial, focusing on the application of computational methods for understanding molecular-level interactions and structuring within ionic

liquids and related systems. Claire joined Nature Reviews in 2016 as a copy editor for *Nature Reviews Chemistry*. In 2017, she joined *Nature Reviews Materials* for a year as a Locum Associate Editor, before joining the Cross-Journal Editorial Team to provide editorial support across the physical sciences. Claire became a Senior Editor on the team in 2020, and is now a Team Manager.

Senior Editor: Caroline Barranco [ORCID](#)



After starting her scientific career as a microbiologist at the University of Bristol, UK and conducting epidemiological research on influenza subtypes in Ken Shortridge's lab at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong, Caroline expanded her horizons with a MSc in Management of

Intellectual Property and subsequently held patent and trade mark law roles in Hong Kong and Australia. In 2004, Caroline joined Nature Reviews (known then as Nature Clinical Practice) as a copy editor, transitioning to supervising copy editor and (in 2009) to Editorial Support Manager of the Nature Reviews Clinical Science journals. In 2014 Caroline became a part-time Senior Editor on *Nature Reviews Rheumatology* before joining the Cross-Journal Editorial team in 2016. After leaving Springer Nature for a short spell to further her yoga studies in India, we were delighted to welcome Caroline back to the team in March 2017.

Senior Editor: Lucia Brunello [ORCID](#)



Lucia completed her PhD in Biosciences at the University of Padova, Italy, where she studied the mechanisms of calcium dysregulation in familial Alzheimer's disease. She then spent five years as postdoctoral researcher at the Ohio State

University, where she specialized in confocal live imaging of myocardial tissue, researching the role of calcium in cardiac arrhythmias. She joined the *Nature Reviews Disease Primers* team in July 2016, where she primarily handled papers on cardiology, infectious diseases, haematology and dermatology. In 2022 Lucia joined the Cross-Journal Editorial team, bringing with her a wealth of editorial knowledge from inside Nature Reviews and, given the comprehensive nature of Primer articles, a broad background in both clinical and basic science.

Senior Editor: Rebecca Kelsey [ORCID](#)



Rebecca Kelsey received her BA in Natural Sciences from the University of Cambridge, UK. After a year at a Clinical Research Organisation and a year at a Medical Communications agency, she joined the Nature Clinical Practice (now

clinical Nature Reviews) journals as a Copy Editor in 2005. In 2006, she became an Assistant Editor on *Nature Clinical Practice (Reviews) Nephrology*, and became an Associate Editor on the journal in 2008. She was promoted to Senior Editor in 2009 and was Locum Chief Editor of *Nature Reviews Nephrology* for 10 months from December 2010. In October 2014, she joined *Nature Reviews Urology* as a Senior Editor and she moved to the Cross-Journal Editorial Team as a Senior Editor in 2018. She mainly provides support to the clinical and life sciences journals, but has worked across a wide range of titles.

Senior Editor: Isobel Leake [ORCID](#)



Isobel Leake received her BSc in Biology from Durham University, UK. Isobel joined Nature Reviews in 2008 as a Copy Editor for *Nature Reviews Clinical Oncology* and *Nature Reviews Cardiology* before joining *Nature Reviews*

Gastroenterology & Hepatology as an Associate Editor in August 2009. She was promoted to Senior Editor in January 2013. Since joining the Cross-Journal Editorial Team in 2016, Isobel has provided support to many journals across the department — from editing to writing Research Highlights to training new editors.

Senior Editor: Jake Rogers [ORCID](#)

Jake Rogers obtained his Ph.D. in neuroscience from the University of Melbourne, Australia, where he worked in the laboratory of Anthony Hannon investigating how serotonergic signalling mediates cognitive and affective behavioural changes resulting from

interactions with the environment. He was then awarded a postdoctoral fellowship at Imperial College London, UK, to work with Simon Schultz and help establish a real-world behavioural paradigm that detects hippocampus place cells in head-fixed rodents in vivo using 2-photon Ca^{2+} imaging. He gained editorial experience at the open-access publisher Frontiers after completing his fellowship, then, in June 2021, Jake joined *Nature Reviews Neuroscience* as a Locum Senior Editor for 6 months, before assuming a permanent role at Nature Reviews as a member of the Cross-Journal Editorial Team in January 2022 as a Senior Editor. Jake then became a part-time member in July 2022 to permanently rejoin *Nature Reviews Neuroscience* part-time.

Senior Editor: Timothy Thomas [ORCID](#)

Tim received his BSc in Biology from Imperial College London, UK and his MSc in Law and Environmental Science from the University of Nottingham, UK. He joined Nature Reviews as a Proofreader in November 2017 and, in this role, handled content across almost all

of our journals. Tim moved to the editorial side of Nature Reviews in 2020, working as a locum Associate Editor on *Nature Reviews Urology*, before joining the Cross-Journal Editorial team in 2021. He has primarily worked on content from *Nature Reviews Urology*, *Nature Reviews Disease Primers*, and *Nature Reviews Earth & Environment*, as well as handling Research Briefing articles for the Nature Research journals. Tim was promoted to Senior Editor in 2022.

Senior Editor: Joseph Willson [ORCID](#)

After completing an Integrated Masters degree (MBiolSci) in Medical Biochemistry at the University of Sheffield, Joseph completed his PhD studies at the University of Edinburgh as part of the Optical Medical Imaging Centre for Doctoral Training (OPTIMA)

under the supervision of Professor Sarah Walmsley. His PhD studies investigated the mechanisms by which neutrophils respond to hypoxic stress and the relevance of these mechanisms to lung disease. After working as a freelance editor, he joined the Cross-Journal Editorial Team in 2019, first supporting *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology*, and since then has supported life sciences, physical sciences and clinical journals.

Associate Editor: Mike Attwaters [ORCID](#)

Mike Attwaters received his MSc in Human & Applied Physiology from King's College London. He then stayed at King's College London to complete his PhD studies at the Randall Centre for Cell & Molecular Biophysics under the supervision of Professor Simon Hughes.

His PhD studies investigated the molecular mechanisms of skeletal muscle growth in response to exercise, using zebrafish as a model system. Mike joined Nature Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team in January 2022 as an Associate Editor.

Associate Editor: Hannah Hatcher [ORCID](#)



Hannah Hatcher received her integrated Master's degree (MPhys) in Physics from the University of Warwick. Hannah remained at Warwick to study for a PhD in Medical Physics under the supervision of Professor Emma MacPherson. During her PhD she investigated the biomedical applications of terahertz technology with a focus on the ability of terahertz measurements of the skin to quantify changes in hydration. Hannah joined Nature Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team in January 2022 as an Associate Editor.

Editorial Assistant: Luke Cornelius



Luke Cornelius received his BA in English and American Literature and Creative Writing from the University of Kent. In December 2021, Luke joined Nature Reviews as an Editorial Assistant and provides administrative support to the Cross-Journal Editorial Team for their work on the Research Briefings.

All of the team are based in London, UK.