

Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team, Nature Journals

The Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team comprises fifteen highly skilled and motivated editors, who combined have >100 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, clinical, physical and social sciences. They also handle all the **Research Briefing** articles for *Nature*-branded research journals, having pioneered the launch of this article type in 2022.

Head of Team: 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 post-translational 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 Katharine 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 Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team and has personally supported at least 19 Reviews 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 Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team now handles for *Nature*-branded research journals alongside their Nature Reviews work.

Team Manager: Grant Otto [ORCID](#)



Grant gained his BSc and MSc at the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa, before completing his PhD in the USA at Columbia University in New York. He was a postdoctoral researcher at Cancer Research UK, the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, UK and Royal Holloway University of

London, UK. He has performed research in various model systems, including *Dictyostelium discoideum*, plants, mammalian cells and mice. Grant joined Nature Reviews in September 2016 as the copy editor for *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology* and moved to the Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team in July 2017. He 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 Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team to provide editorial support across the physical sciences. Claire became a Senior Editor on the team in 2020 and was promoted to Team Manager in April 2022.

Senior Editor: Caroline Barranco [ORCID](#)



After obtaining her BSc Hons in Microbiology at the University of Bristol, UK, and conducting epidemiological research on influenza virus in Ken Shortridge's lab at Queen Mary Hospital, Hong Kong, Caroline expanded her horizons with a MSc in Management of

Intellectual Property and worked in patent and trademark law firms in Hong Kong and Australia. In 2004, Caroline joined Nature Reviews (known then as Nature Clinical Practice) as a copy editor and (in 2009) was promoted to Editorial Support Manager for the Nature Reviews Clinical Science journals. In 2014 Caroline became a part-time Senior Editor on *Nature Reviews Rheumatology* before joining the Reviews 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: Lisa Heinke



Lisa completed her Ph.D. in Biological Sciences at the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, University of Cambridge, during which she explored WNT signalling and developmental genetics in fly and human (cancer cell lines). After a short Post-Doc, in April 2021, Lisa joined

the BMC Series as the Editor for BMC Ophthalmology, BMC Gastroenterology and BMC Zoology. In August 2022 she moved to *Nature Reviews Molecular Cell Biology* as a locum Associate Editor, where she handled articles across different areas of cell biology. She was promoted to Senior Editor in July 2023 and joined the Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team in September 2023.

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 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 Reviews 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 Reviews 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 Reviews 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: Maria Papatriantafyllou [ORCID](#)



Maria Papatriantafyllou gained her PhD from the University of Heidelberg, Germany, for Tumor Immunology research conducted at the German Cancer Research Center. After two years of postdoctoral research on molecular

mechanisms of CD8 T cell-mediated immune suppression, Maria entered the world of science publishing, joining *Nature Reviews Immunology* and *Nature Reviews Molecular and Cell Biology* as a Locum Associate Editor from 2011 to 2013. In 2014, she moved to the Federation of European Biochemical Societies (FEBS), serving as an Editor and, later, Reviews Editor on *FEBS Letters*. From 2019 to 2023, Maria was the Managing Editor of *Molecular Oncology*. In April 2023, she returned to the Nature Reviews family as a Senior Editor of the Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team. Maria is based in Heidelberg, Germany, and looks forward to editing interesting content from across life science and clinical journals.

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 Reviews 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 Reviews 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 Reviews 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.

Senior Editor: Alison Wright [ORCID](#)



Alison studied physics at the University of Manchester, UK, then also for a PhD in high-energy particle physics, conducting the research at the DESY facility in Hamburg, Germany. She was a postdoctoral researcher at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory, UK,

and then a Fellow at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland, working in the ALEPH and LHCb collaborations. Her interest in the communication of science brought her to *Nature* in 2001 as a News and Views editor, and in 2005 she became Chief Editor for the launch of *Nature Physics*. From 2014, she was Editorial Director for a portfolio of Nature journals across the physical, environmental and social sciences, and in March 2023 she joined the Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team as a Senior 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 the Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team in January 2022 as an Associate Editor.

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 the Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team in January 2022 as an Associate Editor.

Senior 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 Reviews Cross-Journal Editorial Team for

their work on the Research Briefings. Having successfully supported the team as they scaled up the Research Briefings programme, he was promoted to the role of Senior Editorial Assistant in April 2023.

Maria is based in Heidelberg, Germany, and Lisa is based in Berlin, Germany; the rest of the team is based in London, UK.