

Peer pressure at the Nature Publishing Group

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Trialling alternatives

- Open peer review trial (*Nature* 2006)
- Post-publication commenting (NPG 2010)
- Lessons learned?



Pressures on reviewers

- Volume of papers
- Length and complexity of papers
- The need for speed



Lightening the load

- Expanding the referee pool
- Process efficiency and sharing reports
- Supplementary data and materials



Role of professional editors

- Meeting our journals' goals
- Managing the peer-review process
- Innovating!



Useful links

- *Nature's* peer review trial:

<http://www.nature.com/nature/peerreview/index.html>

- Neuroscience Peer Review Consortium:

<http://nprc.incf.org/>

