

Publishing graphene papers in Nature journals

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What does it take to have a paper published in a Nature journal? What are the factors determining whether a paper is accepted or rejected? Who handles the manuscripts and what sort of criteria do they apply? This talk aims to demystifying editorial decisions and provide insight into the peer-review process. After a brief outline of the differences between the various Nature titles, I will describe how an editor reaches a first decision on a manuscript, how the subsequent external peer-review is handled, and how a paper is eventually published. The talk will help authors in the preparation of their manuscript for submission to Nature journals, and reviewers in clarifying how their valuable input enters the editorial decision. I will also try to give an historical perspective of papers on graphene in Nature journals, with an emphasis to current trends.