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[China's scientific research to double impact in 2009](#)

China's growth as a scientific 'powerhouse' has been unprecedented. In 2006, the country overtook Japan and the United Kingdom to become the world's second largest producer of research papers, second only the United States. Now, a new analysis conducted by Nature China predicts that China is set to double the number of high-impact papers it publishes in 2009.

Editor Felix Cheung counted the number of 'Chinese' papers (primary research papers of which the corresponding author and more than 50% of the authors are based in mainland China) published in 5 top research journals — Nature, Science, Cell, Lancet and New England Journal of Medicine — between January 2000 and June 2009. The number of Chinese papers published in these high-impact journals over the last nine years has tripled to 21 papers a year in 2008.

"The number in 2009 is set to double that in 2008," said Cheung. "This year China has already published 25 papers on these top journals — and we are only half way through the year."

China has come a long way since it pursued a quality-over-quantity approach in scientific research. This year might just be the year when fruits of labour start to ripen.

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