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[China doubled its impact in top research journals](#)

The growth of China's scientific prowess is unrivalled. Back in June 2009, *Nature China* forecast that the nation would double its 2009 total of high-impact papers published in top research journals. The final tally shows that the country did just that!

Editor Felix Cheung counted the number of 'Chinese' papers (primary research papers for which the corresponding author and more than 50% of the authors are based in mainland China) published in the five top research journals — *Nature*, *Science*, *Cell*, *Lancet* and the *New England Journal of Medicine* — over the last ten years. In 2008, the number of papers China had in these top journals was 21. In 2009, the number leapt to 41!

"China's scientific research is growing at an astounding rate," said Cheung. "On an absolute scale, China is still behind other Asian countries, such as Japan and Australia, but is catching up really quickly."

China has come a long way since it switched to a quality-over-quantity approach in scientific research. Scientists in China worked very hard in 2009 — the Year of the Ox — to reach such a remarkable achievement. The Year of the Tiger, 2010, could see even greater results!

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