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Abstract

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Biography

Ali first joined *Nature Materials* in 2007 and, during this time, handled manuscripts in the areas of materials chemistry and biomaterials. In 2016, as chief editor, she launched the first physical sciences Nature Reviews journal, *Nature Reviews Materials* and subsequently moved to launch *Nature Synthesis* in 2022. She returned to the *Nature Materials* team, as chief editor, in July 2024. Ali has an MSci in chemistry from the University of Cambridge and a PhD in polymer synthesis from Durham University. Following her PhD studies, Ali gained experience in the pharmaceutical industry, at the start-up company, Cambridge BioTechnology and also spent 3 years as an editor at the journal, *Chemical Communications*, published by the Royal Society of Chemistry. At *Nature Materials*, Ali handles manuscripts in the areas of porous materials, membranes and materials chemistry.

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