

Preprint servers: the CPS failed, how will Nature Precedings do?

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Now, [Nascent wrote that Nature is setting up Nature Precedings](#), which was earlier [noted by Pedro](#). The [official announcement](#) was published as an editorial in Nature. This being a Nature initiative, and not focused on just chemistry, I am sure it will do better than CPS. BTW, media coverage is [tracked in a social way](#).

I might [request an test account](#); I do have an old half-finished manuscript that I never got around to finishing. While still relevant, it could use some community input; this preprint server would be the perfect tool. That's how my first manuscript ended up on CPS too :)