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2022: The year in review

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Here at *Spectrum*, 2022 was a year of deepening engagement — with science, as we returned to in-person conferences and meetings; and with our sources, through increased reporting, regular surveys and social media. That immersion brought us closer to many autism researchers, a community we profiled in our **annual book**, which was published this week. It also brought us closer to the important conversations happening in the field.

We highlight some of those conversations and “**hot topics**” from the year in this special report. Other important discussions appear in our overview of the year’s “**top tweets**.” And our “**top quotes**” entry eavesdrops on the most interesting dialogues this year between autism researchers and our reporters.

Our rich engagement this past year also bore new fruit for our end-of-year report: A survey of our sources yielded our first-ever “**40 under 40**” list of rising stars studying autism around the world. And it inspired us to put together a short quiz and calendar of **upcoming meetings** in 2023. We hope to see you there!

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