

**SCIENCE MEDIA CENTRE
SCIENTIFIC PEER REVIEW – TOPLINE RESULTS 15/12/03**

- 1,104 adults aged 15+
- Interviewed face-to-face, in-home
- Between 4 – 11 December 2003
- An asterisk (*) indicates a percentage of less than 0.5% but greater than zero
- Data have been weighted to reflect the national profile
- Base all, for both questions

Q1.	What, if anything, do you understand the phrase “scientific peer review in scientific publications” to mean? DO NOT PROMPT. MULTICODE OK	
		(%)
1	Scientists’ scrutiny of other scientists’ work in academic journals	14
2	Scientists’ scrutiny of other scientists’ work	13
3	Newspaper/Magazine article	1
4	Legal/Judiciary related response	1
5	Science Fiction/Science Fiction-related response	*
6	House of Lords/House of Lords-related response	*
7	Other (WRITE IN)	2
	Nothing	28
	Don’t know	43
	<i>Correct Response (Any from codes 1-2)</i>	25
	<i>Incorrect Response (Any from codes 3-7)</i>	5

Base: All respondents (1,104)

Q2.	Using this showcard, which, if any, of the following actions would you prefer scientists to take if they had carried out research that raised concerns about possible risks to human health and safety? SINGLE CODE ONLY	
		(%)
A	They should have their findings scrutinised by other scientists before releasing them to the media	30
B	The findings should be released straight to the media	9
C	They should ensure that their research is replicated by other scientists, and any possible risks confirmed, before releasing findings to the media	41
	Other (NOT ON SHOWCARD)	1
	None of these (NOT ON SHOWCARD)	6
	Don’t know (NOT ON SHOWCARD)	13

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