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discoveries. Reproducing an experiment is
in confidence in their conclusions. Recently,
that a troubling proportion of peer-reviewed
confidence in results is of paramount
are announcing new initiatives to increase

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NIH Tackles Irreproducibility

The federal agency speaks out about how to improve the quality of scientific research.

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Lately the scientific community has been talking about the omnipresent problem of [irreproducibility](#)—the failure of researchers to replicate results in the published literature. This week in [Nature](#), National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Francis Collins and Principal Deputy Director Lawrence Tabak weighed in on this discussion, noting several ways in which the agency hopes to fix the problem.