

Review of: "Measuring researchers' success more fairly: going beyond the H-index"

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The issue discussed in this manuscript is relevant and the author describes very precisely the specific limitations of the accepted evaluation methods used to assess the researchers' scientific performance. He also proposes an alternative that has the potential to overcome some of these limitations. In my opinion, it is useful to highlight the subject and presenting proposals with the aim of arriving to a wider consensus, independently on the specific options and perspectives that each single method considers (see for instance "de Marco A. Metrics and evaluation of scientific productivity: would it be useful to normalize the data taking in consideration the investments? *Microb Cell Fact.* 2019 Oct 26;18(1):181").

Major point:

- The author should try to deepen the concept of "author bonus": would be the score exclusively defined by the author position or other factors could be considered?

Minor point:

"An articulation of this type would make the algorithm apparently complex, but still quite practicable through automated indexing systems, and would define a suitable system for overcoming some of the limits of the current evaluation system."

Maybe "system" (repeated three times) could be substituted with method/approach.