

Review of: "How Do Academicians Publish More Research Papers for Their Promotion and Positions? A Scrutiny of CV"

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The paper describes some issues in the definition of a scientific career in a public research center, like for instance a university. Usually such careers are based on the rule “publish or perish”, meaning that researchers have to publish papers in good academic journals to be recognized and have impact on their discipline. There are several issues to evaluate a career of a researcher through his/her papers, and this paper tries to discuss some.

This paper cannot be published in its present form, as there are several problems to solve.

1. the title is not adequate, it does not mirrors the contents. For instance, in the paper there is no definition of what is a CV and how it should be scrutinized, especially when there are hundreds or even thousands of people who compete for some scarce resources.
2. the paper has scarce informative contents, especially because it does not define its scope (apparently the paper concerns the Indian context, but this restriction is not explicitly stated), it does not define its referenced academic fields (computer science? biology? social sciences? whatever?), it does not defines its intended audience (the Indian government)? etc.
3. the paper style is not really academic, as for instance there are no formal citations of other papers by other authors on the main topic. Only 4 citations are included, in the form of links. More important, there is no background or related works section.
4. the paper structure is quite sloppy, I cannot see any description of the “narrative” of the paper. In particular, I expect to see a subsection having this structure: “section 1 presents..., section 2 describes..., finally, section N concludes...”. The current structure starts with an introduction, then the order of authorship is discussed, then eventual financial contributions, then the impact of interest-based social networking among academicians who cite each other without any real reason, and finally a request to the (Indian?) government.

This is not a scientific article, and even its original contribution to the problems it claims to discuss is completely void.