

# Review of: "Strategic Citations in Patents: Analysis Using Machine Learning"

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The described approach of investigating similarities of patents using Document Vectors is certainly a good idea. The analyses carried out are very extensive and are well described. However, it should be made more clear in the introduction which added value the presented patent similarity measure has in application. For example, if patents can be identified that were deliberately concealed by an inventor, the method presented could be very helpful for the staff in the patent office. However, a search for similar patents could also be very helpful for the inventor to identify similar inventions. Here, the article could be more precise in the introduction and discussion.